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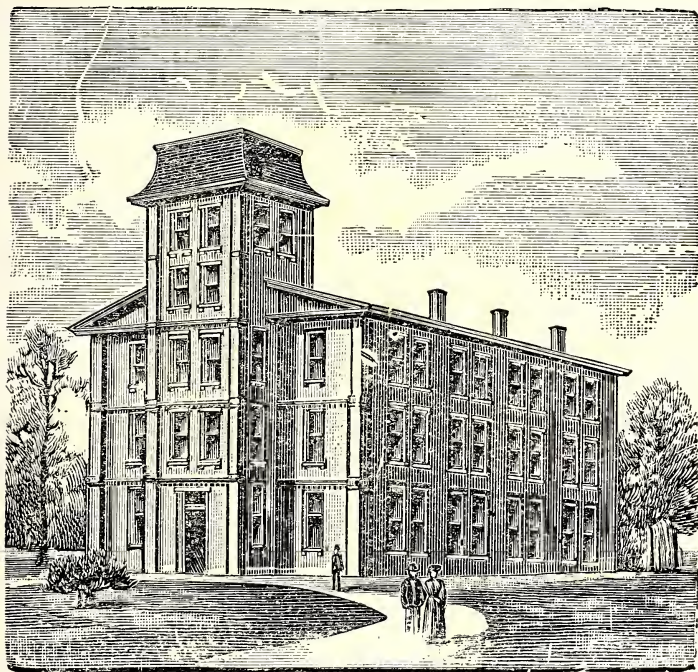
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## FOREWORD

At the 1933 Yadkin College Alumni Association Home Coming exercises, an annual assembly since 1926, Lillian Thompson Koontz (Mrs. W. M.), President, and Lucy Owen English (Mrs. J. R.), Secretary, a suggestion was made that a History of Yadkin College, 1856-1924, be written in book form by someone.

Tullia Byerly Poindexter (Mrs. W. V.), Winston-Salem, North Carolina, made a motion that the Rev. O. B. Michael, Th.D. of the class of 1915 be elected to do this task, which after an enthusiastic and interesting discussion a unanimous vote favored it.

From time to time as spare time allowed the author collected authentic material on this subject. It has been quite a task but it has also been a joy to write about our Alma Mater, the dear old Yadkin College.

We are indeed fortunate to have a distinguished granddaughter of the founder of Yadkin College write the introductory chapter, "A Historic Sketch of the Life of the Honorable Henry Walser, 1803-1875," in the person of Sallie Walser Oaks Wright (Mrs. R. Lee), Salisbury, North Carolina, to whom we owe sincere thanks and are greatly indebted.



Dr. G. I. Humphreys, President of High Point College, High Point, North Carolina, Dr. P. E. Lindley, and Dr. Paul S. Kennett, of the same institution freely gave interesting facts and pointed the author to original sources on the History of the Methodist Protestant Church and the various colleges supported by this denomination between 1830 and 1939, for which we are indeed grateful and thankful.

Dr. H. Rowland Totten, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, very kindly furnished a number of interesting facts which were almost indispensable in completing a Historic Sketch of Yadkin College.

Dr. J. E. Pritchard, the last President of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference, High Point, North Carolina, graciously furnished authentic historical material to the writer in his concluding the book, "Yadkin College, 1856-1924, A Historic Sketch." In compiling the data desired the writer deemed it an unusual honor when President Pritchard sat him down in his study at the Historic Table and Chair he used in the great "United Methodist Conference," which was held in May, 1939, this month, in Kansas City, Mo.

Invaluable data was given verbally by the late Professor W. T. Totten, A.B., '82, and the Hon-



orable Ed L. Green, B.S., '80, of Yadkin College, North Carolina. The Finance Committee was composed of the Honorable Ed L. Green, Professor I. R. Michael, and Superintendent Paul F. Evans.

To all of these gentlemen sincere thanks is extended.

Acknowledgement of those Alumni and friends who gladly gave other facts and material for the making of this book possible are listed in the Bibliography.

Influences from Shiloh Church, Yadkin College, Westminster Theological Seminary, and the inspiration received in writing this small book, about makes the writer say, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Methodist."

Yadkin College was a great institution of learning in its day. This book could have been made twice this size but to make the price reasonable the present size book is hereby presented. We hope that the deeds and sacrifices of the Fathers may inspire the present and future generations to nobler tasks, especially in Kingdom Building.

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High Point College,  
High Point, North Carolina.  
May 25, 1939.

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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

HONORABLE HENRY WALSER

1803-1875

Sally Oakes Wright (Mrs. R. Lee)

Honorable Henry Walser, son of Fredrick and Margaret (Ernst) Walser, was born on November 10, 1803, in the then Rowan County, but which is now Davidson County, and at the old Walser home near the present Oakes Bridge and close to the National Highway extending from Lexington to Mocksville. His father and mother were of German ancestry, and they came to Rowan County and settled on the Eastern side of the Yadkin River, which is now in Davidson County. They came from Lincoln County, Pennsylvania in the year of 1770, and it was at the old Homestead that he reared his family of boys and girls, one of whom was Henry Walser. After the settlement of Fredrick Walser at the place mentioned, he was granted a tract of land by Lord Granville and then he purchased different tracts of land lying on Discus and Reedy Creeks, and at once entered upon his duties as a farmer. His lands extended for three or four miles up and down the Eastern side of the Yadkin River and embracing part of the town of Yadkin College.

## HENRY WALSER A TEACHER

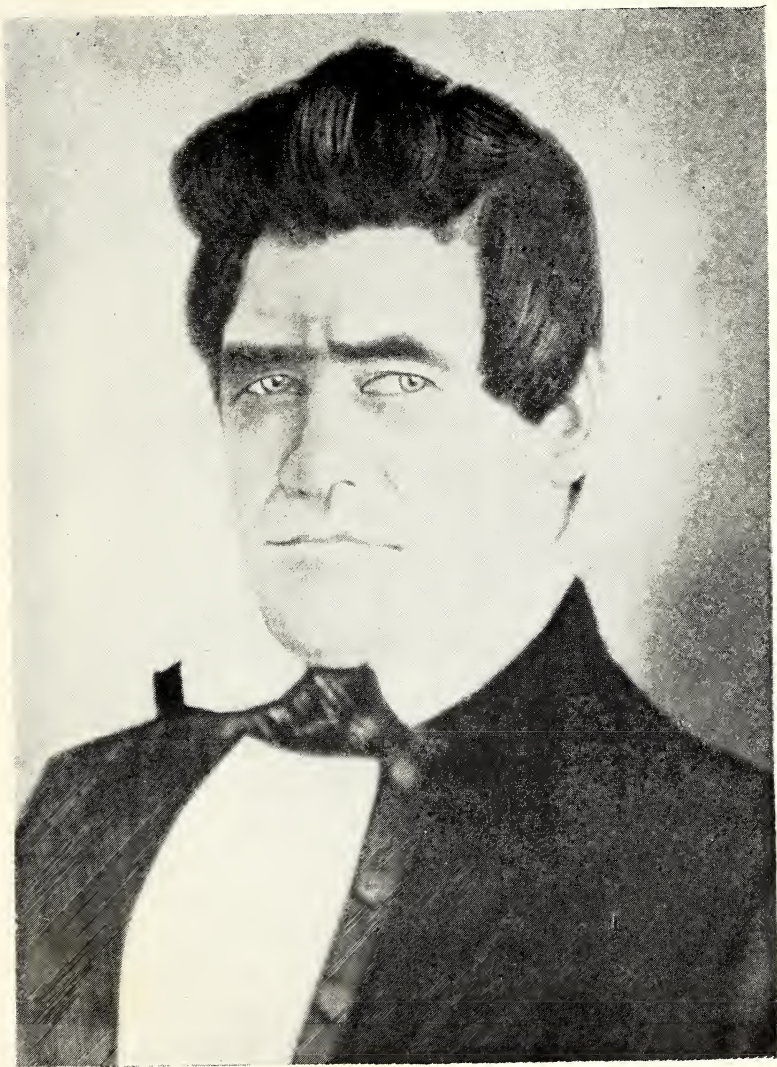
When the Revolutionary War was declared, he entered the service as a Private in Captain Haden's Company and Col. F. Locke's Regiment and in 1781 he served as Minute Man in Captain Thomas Cowan's Company and aided in marching the prisoners captured in battle at Eutaw Springs to Virginia where they were taken charge of by Virginia authorities.

The Ernst family in the Fatherland, as well as in the United States, were educators and no doubt the mother of Henry Walser taught him, early in life, the importance of education.

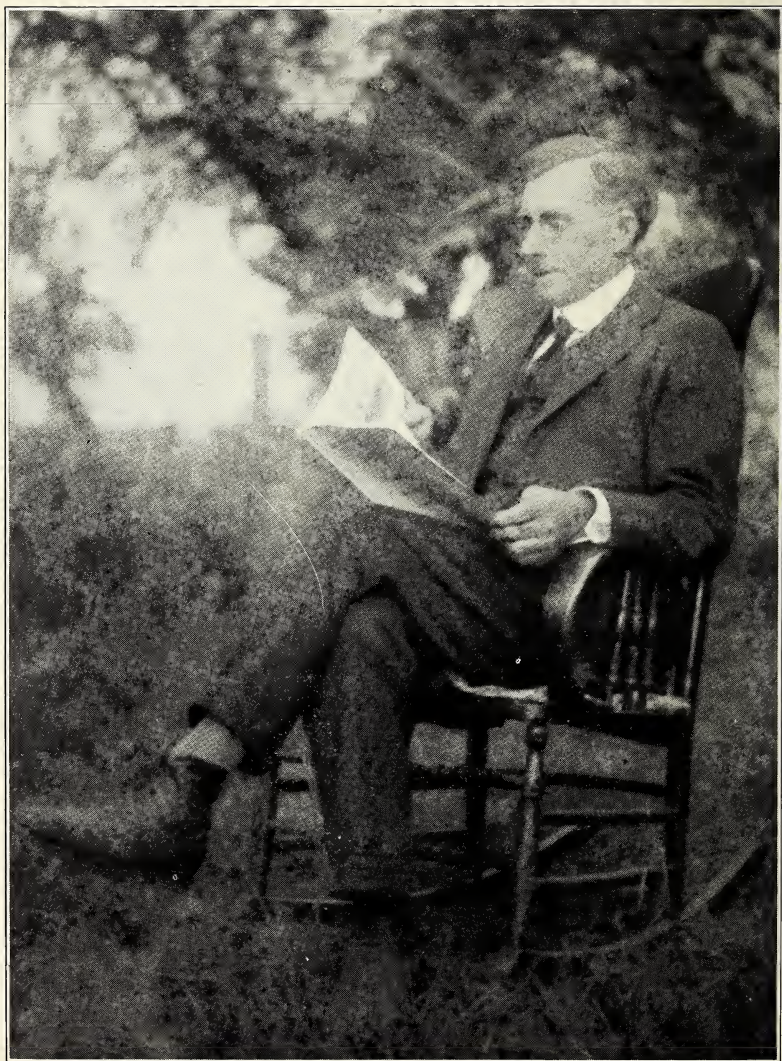
Prior to 1822, all of that section now known as Davidson County was a portion of Rowan County but in this year Davidson was formed, and the Honorable Henry Walser, although his father owned many slaves, entered actively in the cultivation of the lands of his father, began to purchase lands of his own and applied himself to farming, except in the winter he taught school in the new County of Davidson.

In 1824 Henry Walser was married to Elizabeth Warner, the daughter of Daniel and Priscilla (Bryan) Warner. The plantations of the Walsers and the Warners adjoined, and the "Red Brick House,"





HONORABLE HENRY W. WALSER  
*Founder, 1856*



REVEREND PROFESSOR W. T. TOTTON, A.B., '82  
*President, YADKIN COLLEGE, 1898-1924*



## ENTERS POLITICAL LIFE

near the Yadkin River and outer edge of the town of Yadkin College, was built by Mr. Henry Walser, about 1829 which was more than 110 years ago, and which is still standing and in a good state of preservation. It was at this homestead that the sons and daughters of Henry Walser were born and grew to manhood and womanhood. The Walser Homestead became noted for its hospitality and many of the most prominent people of our Southland were guests in this home on various occasions.

Shortly after his marriage in 1824, he began to enter the political life of his County and District and at once became prominently connected with all political affairs of his day. One of his first acts, according to the records in the Post Office Department in Washington City, together with other prominent citizens of Davidson, Davie and Iredell Counties, was to petition the Government to establish a mail route to extend from Lexington via Yadkin Institute, Callahan to Statesville, so that mail could be delivered at Yadkin College Institute on this route coming and going.

Early in life and while the Whig party was a dominant party, Henry Walser was a Whig, and for twelve years he represented his Coun-

## REPRESENTATIVE AND ELECTOR

ty and District in the House, 1842-1864, of North Carolina General Assembly and was very active and influential in both Houses. In 1860 he was made a Presidential Elector on the Bell and Everett Ticket and carried his District for the cause he advocated. He was also a member of the House at the time that War was declared between the States, and when President Lincoln called on North Carolina for troops to enter the War on behalf of the Union, Mr. Walser, like General Robert E. Lee, was opposed to withdrawing from the Union when the War was first agitated and other States were preparing for the great conflict, but when War was eminent and the rights of the South were involved, he, together with other leading men in the General Assembly, arose to the occasion and President Lincoln was notified that troops would not be furnished from North Carolina, but that she would stand by her own people and endeavor to protect the rights guaranteed the State by the Constitution of North Carolina. On this occasion the Honorable Henry Walser, in all his power and strength, made one of the most eloquent speeches in behalf of the State of North Carolina and in withdrawing from the Union, and at once became one of the leaders of Secession. As a speaker he

## A JUSTICE JUDGE

had dignity and commanded attention and his language was not only eloquent and persuasive, but earnest and sincere, and his humor and wit added charm to his addresses and conversation.

All persons holding political offices, and who took part in favor of Secession, were deprived of their citizenship, and the Amnesty Act did not restore to them their rights, but it required a separate and distinct pardon by the President. In 1867 President Andrew Johnson pardoned and restored to Henry Walser his citizenship, and to various other Southern gentlemen who took active part, from a political standpoint, against the Union and in favor of the Confederacy.

For a number of years Honorable Henry Walser was one of the three Justices who served as Judges of the Courts of Quarter Session or County Court for Davidson County. His ability and sense of right and wrong, gave him power to hold the scales of Justice evenly.

After the close of the War, when the South had lost all of its property and in every home there was suffering and dire distress, and during the dark days of Reconstruction, he was a tower of strength in his community and was a friend to the widow,

## A CHURCH DELEGATE

the orphan and the needy, as well as to his former slaves; his slaves never forsook him or deserted him, and while they were given their freedom they remained close around and always addressed him as "Master."

Before the War Between the States, he and his family became ardent members of the Methodist Protestant Church and it was his ambition to provide and establish a school of learning for his posterity and for the people, and the Methodists of his denomination generally. The vision of establishing a college was uppermost in his mind, and was a long cherished dream. When the Methodist Protestant Conference met in Fayetteville, Mr. Walser presented to the Conference his plan for establishing a school of learning, known as Yadkin College or Institute and proposed to furnish the land and build the college at his own cost and expense if no others desired to join with him. He was aided by Mr. David Michael, a zealous member of this denomination, to the extent of fifty dollars to purchase hardware. The offer of Mr. Walser was enthusiastically accepted and he proceeded with the construction of a very commodious building suitable to the times in which it was built. Later, this building was disposed of and a larger one con-

## CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

structed, which remained a seat of learning for many years. From this institution of learning, some of the most prominent preachers, lawyers and business men of North Carolina obtained their education. Mr. Walser lived to see his dream a reality. He was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees when the school was opened, and held the office, taking a deep interest and visiting the school often, until his death.

After his death his son, Gaither Walser, A.M., following in the footsteps of his noble father was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees and took an active part in all the educational and religious work that had been so dear to the heart of his father.

The Methodist Protestant denomination believing a greater work could be done by establishing the college near High Point, N. C. did so, and the fine school, that is accomplishing so much in educating the present generation, received its inspiration from the religious work and character building that was the foundation stone in which the early College was established.

The writer remembers the subject of this sketch as an affectionate grandfather, willing to put aside

weighty matters and enjoy with her the things dear to childhood.

No sketch of the Life and Works of Honorable Henry Walser, would be completely without reference to his wife. She was a woman of strong mentality, a devoted wife, and her beautiful Christian character was an inspiration to all who knew her.

## CHAPTER II

### THE FOUNDING

YADKIN COLLEGE, Davidson County, North Carolina, was established by the Methodist Protestant Church Conference in 1856,<sup>1</sup> through the eloquent recommendation of the Honorable Henry Walser, a State Representative, its major founder and prime leader for more than a quarter of a century. It was chartered by the General Assembly of the State in 1855, and opened its doors to young men in October, 1856.<sup>2</sup> The institution became co-educational in 1878.<sup>3</sup>

For sixty-eight years, except for six years between 1861 and 1867,<sup>4</sup> during the Civil War period, the institution was conducted as an academy or a degree conferring college of high rating, offered academic work until 1924, when a splendid standard college of the same constituency, but with a different charter was opened at High Point, twenty-five miles away from Yadkin College, widely known as High Point College. It is worthy of note that Yadkin College became located eastward from and in the proximity of the location of the first Methodist Conference academy in America, a pioneer school founded about 1790, according to Dr. W. L. Grisson<sup>5</sup> (five years after the historic in-



## BURIED AT YADKIN COLLEGE

dependent Methodist Coker College was founded in Maryland.)

A beautiful expression of tribute of the founder's greatness is carved in marble in an epitaph on a handsome monument at his grave in the Yadkin College Cemetery, as follows:

"He was an honest man, a true husband and a devoted father; a magistrate, a member of the Legislature, a Union Elector in 1860; the founder of Yadkin College, and for twenty-five years the Chairman of the Board of Trustees; he was crowned with a long and useful life, with a Christian's Triumphant Death."

1. 1856, November 6, Minutes M. P. Conference N. C.
2. Milliard Phillips Memoirs.
3. R. T. Pickens, Teacher, Memoirs.
4. Milliard Phillips Memoirs.



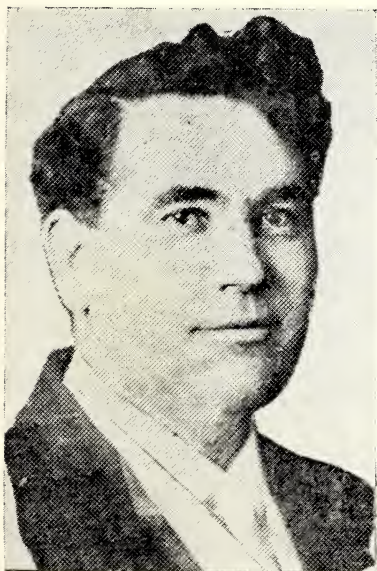
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### *Annual Reunion Memorial Day*

An annual Assembly held on Memorial Day at Yadkin College, North Carolina, a historic place held dear and sacred by hundreds of Alumni and friends.



LILLIAN THOMPSON KOONTZ (Mrs. W. M.)  
*President Yadkin College Alumni Association for more than a decade*

## CHAPTER III

### EDUCATION IN THE OLD SOUTH

THE OLD SOUTH was made up of individual communities largely because there were few railroads and the undeveloped modes of long distant communication. The Revolutionary War gave to the American nation political independence. But it was some years before the colonial mental attitude gave way to national consciousness. It is said that this did not appear in vigorous form among the citizens generally until the beginning of the nineteenth century. About that time probably as a result of this change, America became academically self-conscious. Before the Declaration of Independence our few colleges aimed to reproduce Cambridge or Oxford of England, but, after the struggle French and German institutions of higher learning were more closely imitated.<sup>1</sup> The political and educational leaders of the early part of the nineteenth century became conscious of the peculiar tasks in the various states or communities.

There were two actuating motives back of the developments that resulted in the founding of the early American colleges, two that have often worked together in the history of occidental civili-

## THE RISE OF EDUCATION

zation during the last two thousand years. One is the elemental human interest of religion, as expressed in Christianity; the other is the acquired cultural motive of education.<sup>2</sup> Its purpose was to enlighten the mind and to enrich the soul. The importance of education as a basal factor in perpetuating democratic institutions was more and more realized and appreciated. What Washington, and Adams, and Jefferson had preached, educational and legislative leaders began to advocate and practice. The promotion of education became the order of the times. Toward the end of the first quarter of the nineteenth century citizenship and service to the state were also emphasized in almost all educational programs. The decade between 1820 and 1830 has been called "a virtual Renaissance" in higher education in America, but, only among the wealthy class of people. The promotion of education became a national policy.

The rise of this new national consciousness in the field of government and education was contemporary with the coming of a new enthusiasm in the life of the church. Leaders became interested in universal education. Religious zeal and denominational spirit made the several Protestant bodies more effective in missionary and educational enter-



## STATE AND CHURCH

prise than they had been. The two factors cooperating advanced the cause of education in a marked degree by 1860, especially in the Old South and the colonial states. Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Princeton colleges of colonial fame were well established in the North, but after Independence had been gained denominational leaders were inspired to establish colleges in the South. The program of public education supported by the state had made little impression upon the American mind before the Civil War but citizens were interested in the church establishing Christian colleges. A half century after the Civil War great strides were made by both the state and the church in expanding the program of education toward the goal of universal education. But, before this period the community or private school and the small church college made history about which an interesting story can be told and appreciated.<sup>3</sup>

1. History of Gettysburg College.
2. The Church and Private Schools of North Carolina.
3. College Life in the Old South.

## CHAPTER IV

### THE YADKIN COLLEGE MOVEMENT

HENRY WALSER was a plantation farmer and a Legislative leader in both the state and the church. His rich experience in the halls of the General Assembly as a State leader and a Legislator and the sacred inspiration the annual Conference of his Church which he constantly attended gave kindled ideals within his soul to bless humanity by encouraging the establishment of a college within his home community. The Annual Conference leaders had previously discussed the subject of the need of a college within the bounds of North Carolina. Mr. Walser became a leader in the college movement. By 1851<sup>1</sup> sentiment had become strong and widespread for a college. He attended the Annual Conference in 1852<sup>2</sup> which convened at Fayetteville, eloquently presented the cause of founding a college, whereupon a committee was appointed by the Conference to make a study of the advisability of starting such an institution, and to receive offers of a location for the same.

In 1853, the committee was able to report to the Conference that several acres of land and money were offered at Yadkin College for an institution of college grade and recommended that it

## A CONTEST FOR LOCATION

be accepted. (In the meantime it was discovered that the Elbaville, Davie County, community was bidding for the college. A contest arose for the Yadkin College location as advocated by Henry Walser. In 1875<sup>4</sup> when a movement was started to erect the second Administration Building the Shiloh Church community led by David L. Michael, a member of the Board of Trustees, offered a large beautiful campus and a handsome building if the Conference and the Board of Trustees would consider re-locating Yadkin College. But alumni and community sentiment would not favor re-location, even though some of the Conference leaders deemed it advisable for wider practicability.

He gave the land for the establishment of Shiloh Methodist Protestant Church in 1856. Later he built Shiloh Academy, a feeder to Yadkin College. E. E. Raper and R. H. Besicker attended both schools.)

1. 1851 Minutes M. P. Conference N. C.
2. 1852 Minutes M. P. Conference N. C.
3. 1853 Minutes M. P. Conference N. C.
4. D. L. Michael Memoirs.

## CHAPTER V

### THE FIRST BUILDING

IN 1855 Mr. Walser reported to the Annual Conference that brick was being made and a contract had been let for the erection of the first college building to be located on level land one mile east of the historic Yadkin River in the village now called Yadkin College.<sup>1</sup> Upon investigation it was found that Mr. Walser financed the complete erection of the building with the exception of the hardware which was furnished by Mr. David L. Michael, a member of the Board of Trustees, who lived at Shiloh Church, Michael, North Carolina, five miles east of Yadkin College. It is understood that smaller gifts furnished the inside of the college. For the gift and erection of Yadkin College the Conference expressed its grateful and affectionate appreciation, and acceptance.<sup>1</sup>

The first building was made of first class hand brick, two stories high, about eighty feet by thirty-five feet, with several class rooms on the first story and the auditorium on the second story. The Annual Commencements were however usually held outside. The outside of the building, known as the Administration Building, was plastered with a cement color making a handsome appearance as if it were made of stone or marble. There were two



## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

doors to each story, two on each side. A handsome chimney was built at each end and thus furnishing large fireplaces in each classroom. It is said that the west side was used as the front. It was about as handsome a building as the historic old East Building at the University of North Carolina, and it is today in a good state of preservation, owned by Mr. Ed. L. Green, B.S., '80. The second handsome building of Yadkin College was erected in 1881.

1. 1855 Minutes M. P. Conference.

## CHAPTER VI

### THE COLLEGE CHARTER

JUST AS SOON as it became definitely known a college would be successfully established at Yadkin College a Board of Trustees was formed with the Honorable Henry Walser as chairman,<sup>1</sup> in which position he held with grace and ability for twenty-five years. At a meeting of this board it was voted upon to apply to the North Carolina Legislature for a charter, to gain legal right to conduct an institution of learning, and to form a corporation. Upon the application the Legislature issued a charter on February 3, 1855.<sup>2</sup>

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE YADKIN COLLEGE INSTITUTE IN THE COUNTY OF DAVIDSON

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:

#### SEC. I

“That Henry Walser, David L. Michael, Thomas C. Crump, Alexander Robins, J. J. Gamble, Allison Gray, Jourdan Rominger, David Weasner and John A. Davis be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by th name and style



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## THE YADKIN COLLEGE NAME

of the Yadkin College Institute; and by that name may sue plead and be impleaded, shall have succession and a common seal, and in general shall hve, exercise and enjoy all such rights, powrs, and privileges as are usually exercised and enjoyed by trustees of an incorporated academy within this state. (In 1861<sup>3</sup> the legal name was changed to Yadkin College, leaving off the word "Institute," and the word "academy" was fixed as "college" to give the institution the legal right to confer academic degrees, the official name thereafterwards.)

### SEC. II

"Be it further enacted, that any five of the Trustees may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and that on the refusal of the trustees to act or in case of death or removal out of the state of any of the trustees of the institution aforesaid, the remaining trustees shall have power to fill such vacancy." (In later years the church had the above charter amended to gain certain rights as enforcing particular laws of prohibition, and other vital matters, etc.) See 1855 records of the North Carolina General Assembly.

At the death of the Honorable Walser in 1875, his son, Gaither Walser, A.M., became chairman of the Board of Trustees and served until the insti-

tution was leased to the last president, the Reverend Professor W. T. Totten in 1898, who conducted the institution until 1924.<sup>4</sup>

1. Henry Walser Monument.
2. N. C. General Assembly Minutes, 1855.
3. 1899 Catalogue.
4. Ed L. Greene Memoirs.



## CHAPTER VII

### YADKIN COLLEGE OPENED

IN OCTOBER, 1856, after the completion of the first college building the institution was opened for academic work.<sup>1</sup> We have no record of how many students registered during the first year but we do have record that Yadkin College was a flourishing school until the opening of the Civil War in 1861, when sixty of the eighty boarding students at that time volunteered for service in the Confederate Army. The institution was closed for six years.<sup>2</sup>

The Rev. George Hege, A.B., a graduate of Trinity College was the first president who served between 1856 and 1861.<sup>3</sup> With assistants he made the school a great success during the pre-Civil War period. It is said that Mr. Hege was a scholarly and polished gentleman, a splendid instructor and had natural talents as an educator. He gave the new college an impetus that few institutions of learning had in those days and if the Civil War had not interfered with the financial progress of the times he doubtless would have led Yadkin College in size to one of the largest denominational colleges of the South, it is said by the oldest citizens of Davidson County. In fact, Yadkin College was one of the leading denominational colleges of North Carolina when the Civil War broke out.



## CHAPTER VIII

REV. GEORGE W. HEGE, A.B., PRESIDENT

IT MUST BE said that Mr. Hege was president of two schools at the same time. Before Yadkin College opened and during the time of his administration of that institution he was president of a school located on the edge of the village where the home of Mr. Ira Michael now is, then known as "The Female Seminary," an institution of short duration but which had a reputation that drew students from the different sections of North Carolina and other states. When a fire destroyed the Methodist Jamestown Female College in 1861, the students from that institution were brought over to the Female Seminary at Yadkin College. The history of the Jamestown Female College covered the years between 1859 to 1861. The history of the Female Seminary extended over a period of about fifteen years, closing in about the year 1866. Yadkin College became co-educational in 1878.

Both the young men and young women who attended Yadkin College used the homes of the village as dormitories. Yadkin College never had the good fortune of owning dormitories but the Administration Buildings were equal to any of the other colleges of the state. Most of the citizens of

## DORMITORIES IN HOMES

the village of Yadkin College welcomed students to room in their homes. Many times during the entire history of the institution groups of boys would rent vacant houses and live as bachelors doing their own cooking and house-keeping. Young women would do likewise from time to time in a very successful way, except they would room in the upstairs of residences occupied by families. Under these rigid circumstances Yadkin College had a great opening and a remarkable history except during the post-Civil War period. Mr. Hege became a large land owner and property holder at one time, but the panic of 1873 gave him financial reverses, it is said. As a college instructor Mr. Hege was a success. As an administrator he had natural ability to inspire and to lead, his former students testify. He made the beginning of Yadkin College a marked success.

1. Milliard Phillips Memoirs.
2. W. T. Totten Memoirs.
3. E. L. Greene Memoirs.

## CHAPTER IX

### THE HON. H. THOMAS PHILLIPS, A.B., PRESIDENT

AFTER THE CIVIL War had been closed in 1867, six years after Professor Hege had left the college, a school of academy grade was re-opened at Yadkin College by Professor H. Thomas Phillips. During the time no school was conducted in the Administration Building free negroes and mischievous white boys threw stones and broke out most of the window lights.<sup>1</sup> In fact, when Mr. Phillips wanted to begin teaching he started his school in a dwelling house nearby until his father, the Hon. Sanford Phillips had time to take the good window glass from the different parts of the Administration Building and placed them in the window-sashes of only one room.<sup>2</sup> Bringing his students from the dwelling house into the college building, Mr. Phillips had school in only one room for many months. But, the post-Civil War school grew in size and Mr. F. T. Walser was added to the teaching staff.

Mr. Phillips was an outstanding character and had much influence in Davidson County as a citizen during the seventy-three years of his life between 1846 and 1919. He was buried in the Yadkin College Cemetery and a nice substantial monument

## AN EDUCATOR AND CITIZEN

has been erected at his tomb. His three children are Professor H. B. Phillips, Ph.D., the Hon. Wade H. Phillips, attorney, and Mrs. Carl J. Owen. All three are alumni of Yadkin College.

While living in Yadkin College Mr. Phillips read law and passed the State Board of Examiners and became a licensed lawyer. For a number of years he served successfully as the Davidson County superintendent of Public Instructions, and subsequently sixteen years as the Clerk of Court.<sup>3</sup> The legal advice given by Mr. Phillips was universally considered as sound and his liberality in helping people greatly endeared him to many citizens of Davidson County.

1. Milliard Phillips Memoirs.

## CHAPTER X

### REV. J. C. DEAN, A.B., PRESIDENT

THE LEADERS of the church hearing of the success of the school being conducted at Yadkin College sent the Rev. J. C. Dean, to become president in the year 1871 and remained there two years. He was ably assisted by Professor H. T. Phillips and Mr. F. T. Walser. So successful was the work and progress of the school the Church Conference and the Board of Trustees voted to advance the curriculum to a degree conferring institution of college grade which had been granted such rights by the General Assembly in 1861 at the unfortunate time of the opening of the Civil War. These talented teachers beautifully prepared the way for a growing successful college. So promising did the institution become many friends suggested the erection of a larger and more handsome building. As the war clouds blew further and further away and the Reconstruction days offered to build back the Old South into a New South men of vision and faith encouraged the Board of Trustees to build a larger and better college for a new day.

### REV. JAMES CHRISTIE DEANS<sup>1</sup>

The close connection between a pious, godly and useful life and death full of serene joy and immor-

## A MINISTER AND TEACHER

tal hope is seldom more beautifully illustrated than in the departure from this earth to his home in heaven of our beloved brother and servant of the Lord, James Christie Deans. Brother Deans was the son of the late Jacob Deans, and was born near Moriah Church, Guilford County, 1834. When about twelve years of age he embraced religion and united with the church at Piney Grove, not far from his father's residence. Some three or four years thereafter he removed with his parents to a farm near Fairfield Church, and became a member of the Society at Fairfield, which relation he sustained until his death which occurred on the ninth day of June, 1890. Having been attacked with measles, and being already threatened with serious pulmonary trouble, his disease assumed the form of pneumonia and hurriedly brought the end.

The writer is not favored with the journals of the Annual Conference, and therefore cannot give the exact particulars as to the ministerial and other work performed by Brother Deans, but it is almost certain that his first circuit was Albemarle, in 1859. In 1866 he was on Orange circuit, and at some period he taught school in Buncombe, besides serving a term as principal at Yadkin College. His latest work was on Asheboro, and Cedar Falls circuits.



## ILL HEALTH

It is necessary to be understood that our deceased brother, after he had been in the itineray for some years, seemed threatened with a serious pulmonary complaint, and under medical advice suspended all itinerant labor and went home for rest. He always said that it was his delight to preach the gospel, and it was a cross to him to suspend his labors, therefore when, a few years since, he was found able to do ministerial work he re-entered the field with joy and continued until the Master called him away. Both on Asheboro and Cedar Falls circuits he was greatly loved, and at the village of Cedar Falls he seems to have contracted measles, and from there he went home to die. His sickness continued some eight days. The morning of the day on which he died he was visited by his intimate friend and class mate, J. A. Gray. Brother Gray asked him if he realized his condition. He said he did perfectly. Then he said, "Put me away quietly in my resting place, and I want it proclaimed that I am leaving this world and going to another. The way is beautiful to where I shall be crowned." And so in peaceful triumph he passed away. No words can express the sadness of the writer as he thinks that our dear brother will no more be seen in the assembly of

## TWICE MARRIED

the saints, or be found seated with his brethren in their Annual Conference. His death is a serious loss, and the fact becomes all the more apparent since he has been taken away from us. A hearty and genial spirit dwelt in his bosom. No pride of opinion brought him in stubborn contact with the progress of any business. No biting sarcasm made even a momentary bitterness where he was. He was earnest but never turbulent, and his voice was always softened with kind words. How the dear brother grows upon us as we think of him, and as we regret that we were not more with him when we might have been. Little thought we when last we saw him that he would leave us so soon, that in so short time he would be wearing a crown of glory. We grieve, but only that we shall be deprived of the companionship of a good and true man who could always be relied upon to stand with us in any conflict, shoulder to shoulder.

But we who knew him should grow better for the privilege, and should gather strength from the fact of his glorious victory. He died like an apostolic Christian, seeing his crown just before him. Glory to God!

Brother Deans was married twice; first to Elizabeth Hedgecock, by which union two children were

## BURIED AT FAIRFIELD

born, a son and a daughter, then at her death he married her sister Flora, who bore him two daughters. The second wife and the four children survive, and make their home near Fairfield Church.

In the grave yard at Fairfield the form of our dear Brother Deans was laid down to rest. In the same grounds lie the dust of a number of well known Christians. Alexander Robbins and Alson Gray lie there, men who preached the gospel valiantly sixty years ago.

1. 1891 Minutes Annual Conference.

## CHAPTER XI

REV. SHADROCK SIMPSON, A.B., A.M., Ph.D.,  
D.D., PRESIDENT

THE BOARD of Trustees and the Annual Conference elected Professor Shadrock Simpson in 1872 to begin work in 1873 upon his graduation from Trinity College.<sup>1</sup> Under the presidency of Dr. Simpson the institution at Yadkin College developed a senior college with power to confer degrees. Between 1877 and 1883 seventeen young men received Bachelor of Arts degrees and two received the Bachelor of Science degrees. A half dozen or more outstanding ministers received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity and Governor Z. B. Vance was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws.<sup>2</sup>

It was under the presidency of Dr. Simpson that the student body became so large the Board of Trustees voted to erect a new Administration Building. Jointly with the Church Conference this enterprise was begun and funds were raised ginning about 1876. By 1882 the first commencement was held in the new building which was one of the best college buildings in North Carolina. A debt of several thousand dollars accumulated which eventually greatly embarrassed the administration. Upon a call from Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland, Dr. Simpson be-

## BRILLIANT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

came a member of the faculty of that institution, leaving Yadkin College in 1883 after serving ten years.

The following gives the obituary of Dr. Simpson:

"On Saturday morning, May 4, 1912,<sup>1</sup> the friend of Dr. S. Simpson were shocked to learn of his death. For many months he had been in ill health, and, it was known that his condition gave little hope of recovery, but, it was not thought that the close of his life was near. Because he had lived in readiness for his hour, the Death Angel did not find him unprepared. From his home in Westminster, Maryland, he went peacefully to his home in heaven.

"Funeral services were held in the Methodist Protestant Church of Westminster, conducted by Rev. D. L. Greenfield, D.D., pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D.D., president of Western Maryland College, and Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D.D., president of the Westminster Theological Seminary. His remains were taken to Henderson, N. C. and buried near that place beside those of his first born child, a little girl of three years, who died before the family went to Maryland.

"Dr. Simpson was born in Rockingham County,

## A TRINITY COLLEGE GRADUATE

North Carolina, May 13, 1848, and was married to Ella Eugenia Gooch of Henderson, N. C., May 16, 1876. He is survived by his wife and four children: Dr. J. Jewel Simpson, William Gooch Simpson, Dr. Ellery De Witt Simpson and L. Earle Simpson.

"In 1873, Dr. Simpson was graduated from Trinity College (with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and, subsequently, in 1875, this institution awarded him the degree of Master of Arts) and such ability and force of character did he display that shortly before his graduation he was elected president of Yadkin College, North Carolina. Though he was ordained in 1879 he never served a pastoral charge. He remained president of the Yadkin College until 1883, when he was elected Professor of Natural Science in Western Maryland College, which position he held for seventeen years. Early in his occupancy of this professorship he took a course in Natural Science at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, and received the Ph.D. degree, which degree had been previously conferred upon him by the North Carolina Lutheran College, at Mt. Pleasant. (Yadkin College gave him the degree of D.D.) In June, 1900, he was elected Superintendent of Public Schools, of Carroll County, Maryland. This position he held at the time of his death.



## AT WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

Dr. Simpson was a Christian gentleman. He was modest and unassuming and had the rare faculty of never failing courtesy. By the community he was greatly respected, and by the church much loved. A good man has gone, but, his work survives. He has erected few material monuments, but, he has made impressions which time cannot efface. Whether as president, professor or superintendent, he directed the thought of the young; he was a potent factor in developing their minds and shaping their character. He accumulated but little of this world's goods, but, because he lived the world is better. Though he knew not the joys of the Christian pastor, in the joys of the Christian teacher he was rich. He will be remembered for the good he has done."—*C. E. Forelines.*

1. 1912 Minutes Annual Conference, Page 8 and 9.

## CHAPTER XII

### DEGREE GRADUATES UNDER PRESIDENT SIMPSON<sup>1</sup>

1877

Lee Ramsey, A.B.....Danville, Va. and Denver, Col.

1878

R. T. Pickens, A.B.....Asheville, N. C.

Alexander Baker, A.B.....Asheboro, N. C.

1879

T. T. Hicks, A.B.....Oxford, N. C.

W. H. Lewis, A.B.....Littleton, N. C.

Z. V. Walser, A.B.....Yadkin College, N. C.

1880

W. W. Davidson, A.B.....Haw River, N. C.

S. L. Owen, A.B.....Yadkin College, N. C.

E. B. Cozart, A.B., Knap of Reeds, Oxford, N. C.

Felix Miller, A.B., Arcadia.....Lexington, N. C.

Ed. L. Green, B.S.....Yadkin College, N. C.

A. W. Robins, left school in the spring to study  
Medicine.

1881

G. W. Gooch, A.B.....Henderson, N. C.

Andrew J. Harris, A.B.....Henderson, N. C.

W. B. Ellis, B.S.....Advance, N. C.

1882

E. E. Raper, Arcadia.....Lexington, N. C.

W. T. Totten, A.B.....Kernersville, N. C.

## HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED

1883

Zeno H. Dixon, A.B.....Graham and Elkin, N. C.  
R. H. Besicker, A.B.....Lexington, N. C.  
A. A. Hicks, A.B.....Oxford, N. C.

Yadkin College conferred honorary degrees upon the following: Rev. Allison Gray, D.D., Rev. W. H. Wills, D.D., Rev. C. F. Harris, D.D., Rev. J. L. Michaux, D.D., Rev. A. W. Lineberry, D.D., and possibly others. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Governor Z. B. Vance.<sup>2</sup>

1. Ed L. Greene, B.S., '80.
2. W. T. Totten, A.B., '82.

## CHAPTER XIII

### YADKIN COLLEGE PRAISED

PROFESSOR ZENO H. DIXON, A.B., '83, testifies to the virtues and character of Yadkin College, as follows:

"In the summer of 1881, I first saw Yadkin College. I was a boy of seventeen years, and had been attracted by the fine personality of Professor Shadrack Simpson whom I had met at Oakdale Academy in Alamance County, where he delivered a commencement address.

I was quite disappointed in the place and especially in the "college building" which was a two-story brick building with an auditorium on the second floor.

"I wanted to go back to my home in Alamance County, but I was ashamed to do so as I had made my own choice.

"Like President Garfield, I soon found that a college was a log with a boy on one end and a great teacher on the other. And Rev. S. Simpson was really a great teacher. So was his helper, Professor A. Baker. With Latin under Dr. Simpson and Mathematics under Professor Baker it made little difference what sort of a building we studied in or

## SCHOLARSHIP AND CHARACTER

what other branches we studied. We learned, Latin, Mathematics and Character.

"Only a few boys were students there but some of these were of the best. Archibald A. Hicks of Granville; Emery E. Raper of Davidson; William T. Totten of Guilford; William C. Hammer of Randolph. These, and many others exhibited the fine characters of Simpson and Baker in their useful lives.

"Notwithstanding the small number of students two Literary Societies were maintained. And how we did debate!

"Each boy debated every Friday night, and usually had fifteen minutes for his speech, and five minutes for rejoinder.

"No wonder so many lawyers, preachers and teachers came out of this small group.

"We did not have many frills and extra-curricular activities but we learned what we learned and did not indulge in sham and pretense.

"The citizenship of the village was also of high order. The Walsers, the Pickens, the Hanners, the Phillipses, the Willses, the Heges, the Owens, the Williamsons, the Oaks, the Jordans, the Thompsons, the Bensons, the Greens, the Hartleys, the

## A TEACHER FIFTY YEARS

Byerlys, the Michaels and many others were of the 'salt of the earth.'

"Yet the students were not all angelic. Such pranks as putting cows in the 'college' or tying them to the bell, stealing fruit and watermelons, waylaying and rocking belated lovers returning from calls on the pretty girls in the village and its environs were by no means unknown.

"Personally, I received my diploma, or rather my degree in 1883. I went to Friendsville, Tenn., to teach that fall; then to Texas to make my fortune raising sheep; then to Vanderbilt University for further study; then to my life job as teacher; five years at Friendsville, Tenn.; twenty years at Yadkinville; twelve years at Elkin; seven years at Jonesville; and enough at several other places to make fifty years in all."—*May 7, 1939, Elkin, N. C.*

### HON. JACOB STEWART, ATTORNEY, SAYS

In the eighties Yadkin College ranked as one of the leading denominational colleges of the state. I entered Yadkin College in the fall term of 1880 and attended two years, leaving there in June, 1882. At that time Rev. S. Simpson, D.D., was president of the college, and Professor R. Baker



## YADKIN COLLEGE STUDENTS

was instructor of mathematics. T. T. Hicks, Z. V. Walser, R. T. Pickens, Webb Ogburn, Will Ogburn, William C. Hammer, W. H. Lewis, Mac De Armon, W. S. Owen, John A. Hendricks, W. T. Totten, E. E. Raper, C. Hester, and William Morton were some of my friends and classmates.

Yadkin College was a thriving village and known for its hospitality. H. T. Phillips was postmaster. Presiding Elder Lowe was an able minister and very much interested in his town, the college and the student body with whom he was very popular and with whom he delighted to meet. Spot Williamson and Benson Brothers were the leading merchants.

A large number of the students roomed and boarded with Mrs. Oaks and at William Thompsons. The Ciceronian and Clark Literary Societies were the outstanding organizations and practically all the students belonged to one or the other. The meetings of the societies were always entertaining and instructive.

In the spring of 1882, with the help of the student body in clearing the ground and removing brush, the first commencement was held in the new college building located on the hill lying southwest

## A BRILLIANT LAWYER

from the old building. It was my privilege to deliver the first commencement speech in the new building. In 1905 I had the honor and pleasure of delivering the alumni address at Yadkin College commencement.

In the fall of 1882 I entered Wake Forest College from which I received my degree in 1886. I attended Dick and Dillard Law School in Greensboro in 1886 and in 1887 opened my law office in Mocksville, Davie County, where I am now actively engaged in practice. As chairman of the board of school trustees, as attorney for the town of Mocksville, and as chairman of the Congressional Executive Committee of the 8th Congressional District and other positions, I have taken pleasure in rendering some public service.

This denominational college together with others of that period did much for the advancement of education and development of citizenship.

## CHAPTER XIV

### CATALOGUE OF YADKIN COLLEGE FOR 1879-1880

#### A FULL COLLEGE COURSE

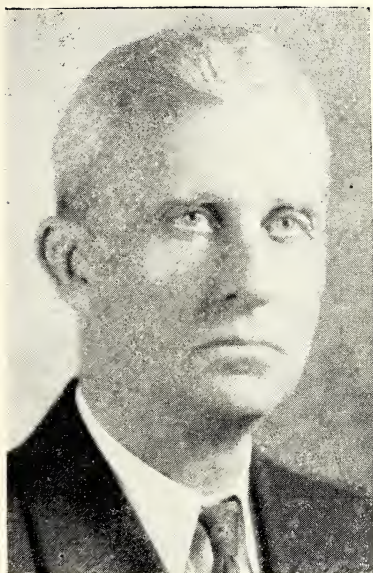
THE PLAN OR regulation of this College enables a student to finish the course in as short a time as his capacity, energy, or previous advancement will admit.<sup>1</sup>

While we desire to furnish the student the greatest advantages for the least money, yet Degrees will be conferred very cautiously, and only in consideration of good scholarship.

We try to teach the philosophy of every-day life—life in its practical wants as well as in its theoretical prospects. To us it is self-evident that all people ought to be fair, honest, and trustworthy: and we teach that to speak truthfully is better than to speak grammatically, and that virtue is better than knowledge.

#### GENERAL ADVANTAGES

From personal observation and from the experience of many distinguished teachers, we are sus-



HON. Z. I. WALSER, *Atty.*  
*Grandson of Founder*



MISS CORA TOTTEN  
*Music Teacher*

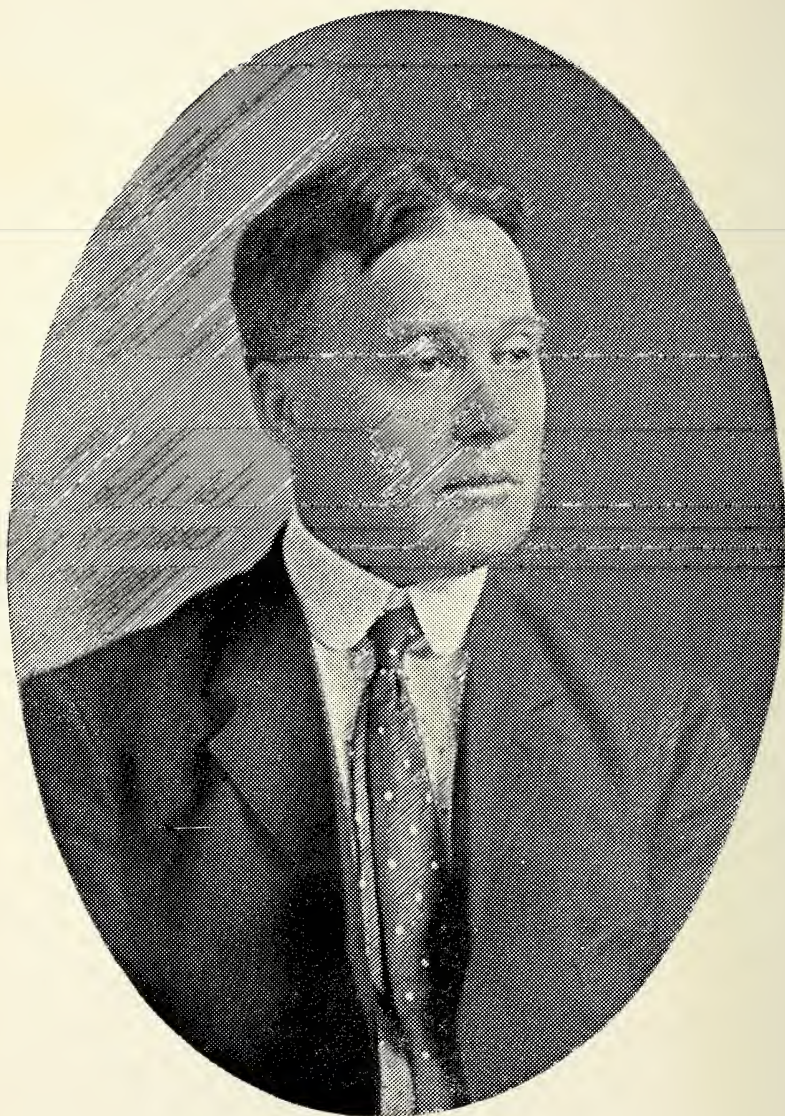


REV. S. W. TAYLOR, D.D.  
*Conference President*



REV. PROF. FELIX T. TOTTEN  
*Co-President 1899-1903*





HON. ZEB V. WALSER, A.B., '78, LL.B.  
*N. C. Attorney General*  
*Representative*  
*Speaker of the House*  
*Grandson of Founder*

## THE COLLEGE YEAR

tained in the conclusion that *small villages, for a male school, are greatly preferable to large towns or cities. A village presents fewer causes of diversion from study, fewer temptations to extravagance, and, a thing which is of the greatest importance, fewer temptations to dissipation.* In this view of the case Yadkin College in the Western part of the State, nine miles from Lexington, the College station on the N. C. Railroad, surrounded by a people simple in manners and ingenuous in spirit, in a section of country widely known for its pure water and healthful air, is without doubt most favorably situated for Educational Enterprises. There is here no local cause of disease; *the sale of ardent liquors within two miles of the College is forbidden by law;* public sentiment and influence on the part of every family are brought to bear for the purpose of urging young men on in the way of a noble, honest, and virtuous course; the village has a regular mail every day in the week except Sunday, so that parents may rest assured that their sons are as favorably situated at Yadkin College as it is possible for them to be anywhere.

## A COLLEGE YEAR

Part I:—The school year begins on the second



## THE DAILY PROGRAMME

Thursday in August, and the first part closes at the end of twenty-one weeks.

Part II.—The second begins on Monday of the twenty-second week, and continues twenty weeks.

### BUSINESS PROGRAMME

A day in College.—At 7:30 A. M., bell rings for school to meet; 7:55 A. M., Chapel roll-call for religious services at which all are expected to be present; 8:5 A. M., first recitation period—Chemistry and English Grammar 8:30 A. M.,—Latin and Algebra; 9 A. M.—Latin and Composition; 9:30 A. M.—French and Higher Arithmetic; 10 A. M.—Navigation and Surveying, and Arithmetic; 10:30 A. M.—Geology and Zoology and Grammar, 11 A. M.—Latin Grammar and Arithmetic; 11:30 A. M.—Rhetoric and Logic and Dictionary, 12 o'clock College bell rings out.

At 1:15 P. M.—History Lecture; 2 A. M.—Metaphysics and History; 2:30 P. M.—Astronomy and Philosophy and Bookkeeping; 3 P. M.—Geometry and Trigonometry, Greek and German; 3:30 P. M.—Bookkeeping and Lectures; 4 P. M.—College bell rings out. By alternation classes in studies that require more time have a recitation period of one hour.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One hour's instruction in Penmanship and Vocal Music, three times a week.

Composition—Reading and Spelling Tests, once every week.

## ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Tuesday, May 25th.—Final Examination closes.

Wednesday, May 26th.—Annual meeting of the Trustees, 9 o'clock A. M.—Annual sermon before the Senior Class, 11 o'clock, A. M.—Sophomores speak, 8 o'clock, P. M.—

Thursday, May 27th.—Commencement day. Literary Address by Rev. B. Craven, D.D., LL.D., 3 o'clock P. M. Social Party in the College Chapel, 8 o'clock P. M.—


## CALENDAR FOR 1880-'81

Thursday, Aug. 12; 1880.—Sessions Commences.

Wednesday, Oct. 27; 1880.—First Examination.

Wednesday, Dec. 22; 1880.—Second Examination.

Monday, Jan. 10; 1881.—Second Term begins.

 If possible, all students should be present on the day the session commences. Students may enter any time after Aug. 6th.

## A STRONG FACULTY

### OFFICERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gaither Walser, A.M. ....	President
H. T. Phillips, A.B. ....	Secretary

### FACULTY

REV. S. SIMPSON, A.M., PRESIDENT

Professor of

Ancient Languages, Metaphysics, Rhetoric and Logic

A. BAKER, A.B.

Professor of

Mathematics and English Literature

G. M. Smithdeal

Professor of Penmanship

R. T. PICKENS, A.B.

Professor in Female Department

MISS SWANNANOA HARRIS

Teacher of Music

### Students of the College the Present Year

Conrad, H. B. ....	Lewisville, N. C.
Conrad, T. J. ....	Lewisville, N. C.
Ellis, W. B. ....	Elbaville, N. C.
Huffines, John D. ....	Brown's Summit, N. C.
Huffine, J. D. ....	Greensboro, N. C.
Harris, L. A. ....	Henderson, N. C.
Harris, W. L. ....	Henderson, N. C.
Harris, A. J. ....	Oxford, N. C.
Harris, W. B. ....	Summerfield, N. C.
Smithdeal, G. M. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Smithdeal, L. A. ....	Advance, N. C.
Frank, R. L. ....	Lexington, N. C.
Owen, W. W. ....	Lexington, N. C.

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT BODY

Owen, S. L. ....	Lexington, N. C.
Odell, O. C. ....	Dallas, N. C.
Owen, W. S. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Robbins, A. W. ....	Jamestown, N. C.
Cozart, E. B. ....	Knap of Reeds, N. C.
Atkinson, T. F. ....	Smith Grove, N. C.
Atkinson, J. B. ....	Smith Grove, N. C.
Benson, A. B. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Talley, W. F. ....	Asheboro, N. C.
Benson, S. C. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Davidson, W. W. ....	Company Shops, N. C.
Lowe, M. J. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Jordan, J. E. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Jordan, J. A. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Ogburn, J. B. ....	Summerfield, N. C.
Gooch, G. W. ....	Henderson, N. C.
Jordan, F. T. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Brothers, J. L. ....	Charlotte, N. C.
Beck, S. C. ....	Tyro, N. C.
Daniel, J. C. ....	Pleasant Hill, N. C.
Wood, E. L. ....	Pleasant Hill, N. C.
Totten, F. M. ....	Reidsville, N. C.
Bowman, C. A. ....	Show's Mills, N. C.
Fesperman, B. G. ....	Matthews, N. C.
Newsom, B. E. ....	Lexington, N. C.
Lineberry, J. A. ....	Greensboro, N. C.
De Armon, J. Mc. ....	Alexandrianna, N. C.
Rankin, W. R. ....	Brown's Summit, N. C.
Greene, E. L. ....	Tyro, N. C.
Spaugh, R. L. ....	Linwood, N. C.
Wilson, A. D. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Hutcherson, R. W. ....	Reidsville, N. C.
Hopkins, J. W. ....	Brown's Summit, N. C.
Ogburn, N. W. ....	Summerfield, N. C.
Miller, J. F. ....	Salem, N. C.
Galloway, W. F. ....	Mt. Gilead, N. C.

## FIRST DEGREE TO LEE RAMSEY

Simpson, J. D. ....	Simpson's Store, N. C.
Hartley, T. W. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Wyatt, W. J. ....	Salisbury, N. C.
Woosley, J. E. ....	Salem, N. C.

### Female Department

Davis, Cora .....	Deep River, N. C.
Oaks, Sallie J. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Hopkins, Jennie E. ....	Brown's Summit, N. C.
Ogburn, Mollie V. ....	Summerfield, N. C.
Troxler, Jennie E. ....	Brown's Summit, N. C.
Koonts, H. Victoria .....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Jordan, Mollie .....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Jordan, Annie H. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Wyatt, Lula .....	Salisbury, N. C.
Leonard, Emma .....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Hine, Eliza J. ....	Waughtown, N. C.
Jordan, Fannie E. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Crews, Cora A. ....	Arcadia, N. C.
Hartley, Edna .....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Koonts, G. C. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Jordan, J. B. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Byerly, W. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Crews, C. A. ....	Arcadia, N. C.
Crews, J. B. ....	Arcadia, N. C.
Leonard, J. H. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Leonard, R. T. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Phillips, Mattie D. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Phillips, Lilla O. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Hartley, Flora S. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
Williams, Sallie H. ....	Yadkin College, N. C.
TOTAL .....	78

### ALUMNI OF THE COLLEGE

The first student that took the entire Course of

## STANDARD TEXT BOOKS

Instruction was Lee Ramsey, A.M., from Virginia, who graduated, June 7, 1877.

1878

A. Baker, A.B., Asheboro, Randolph County, N. C.  
R. T. Pickens, A.B., Yadkin College, Davidson  
County, N. C.

1879

T. T. Hicks, A.B., Oxford, Granville County, N. C.  
Rev. W. H. Lewis, A.B., Scotland Neck, Halifax  
County, N. C.

Z. B. Walser, A.B., Yadkin College, Davidson  
County, N. C.

1880

In the Senior Class of 1880 are four members. We desire each Alumnus to keep us informed as to his Post Office, Work, and the success of his business.

## TEXT BOOKS

School of English.—Reed and Kellogg's Higher Lessons in English and Quackenbos's English Grammar; Hart's Rhetoric, Moon's Criticisms, Suplee's French on the Study of Words, and Scuyler's Logic; Lounsbury's History of the English Language, and Hart's Literature.



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

School of Latin.—Bingham's and Gildersleeve's Latin Grammar; Bingham's Caesar, Chase and Stuart's Classical Series.

School of Greek.—Goodwin's Greek Grammar, Leighton's Greek Lessons, Goodwin's Anabasis, Chaplin's Demosthenes, and Herodotus, Homer's Iliad, Thucydides, and Sophocles, by any Author.

School of Mathematics.—Robinson's Series.

School of History.—Anderson's Histories, Dr. Smith's History of Greece, Barne's History of the U. S., Johnston's "American Politics," and Maury's Geographies.

School of Modern Languages. — Fasquelle's French and Worman's German Grammar.

School of Natural Science.—Barker's Chemistry, Well's Philosophy, and Steele's Fourteen Weeks' Course.

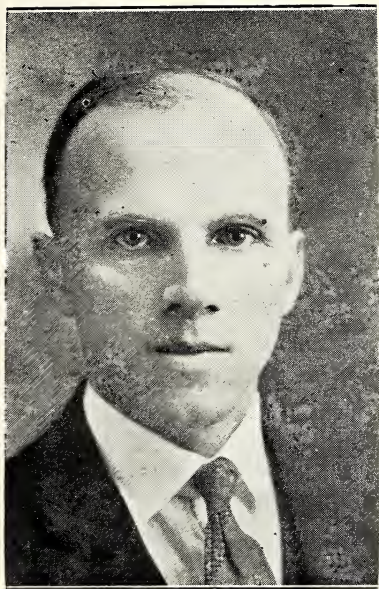
Other Books.—Shakespeare's Tragedy of Hamlet and Julius Caesar, by Hudson.

Upham's Mental Philosophy, and Graham's Elocution.

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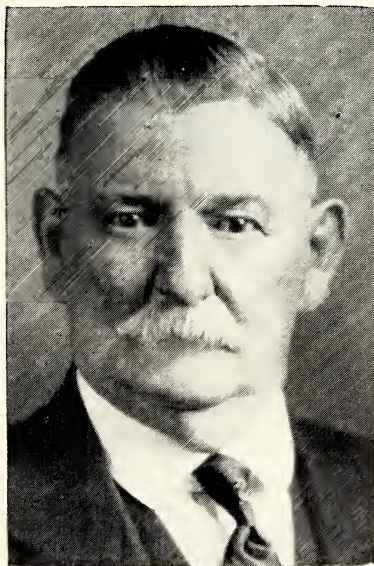
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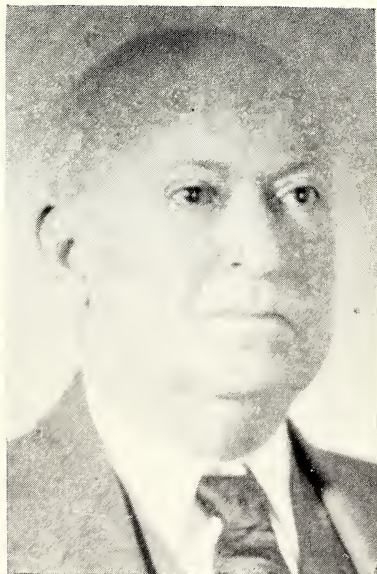
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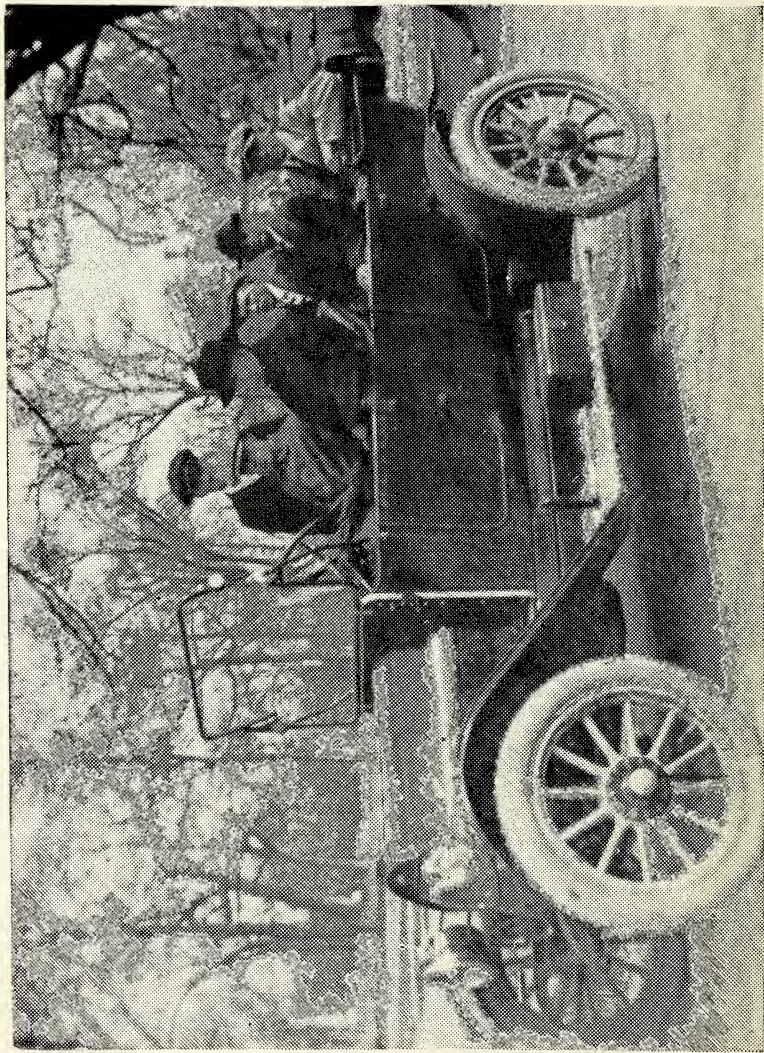


ED. L. GREENE, B.S., '80  
*Mayor*



JACOB STEWART  
*Attorney*





YADKIN COLLEGE DEBATING TEAM AT U. N. C.—Prof. W. T. Totten, Hoyal Peeples, driver, J. T. Totten, front; H. K. Koontz, O. B. Michael, and S. H. Chaffin, rear—1915.

## STANDARD DEGREES CONFERRED

J. F. Miller .....	Salem, N. C.
E. B. Cozart .....	Knap of Reeds, N. C.
W. S. Owens .....	Yadkin College, N. C.
A. W. Robbins*** .....	Jamestown, N. C.

### JUNIOR CLASS

G. W. Gooch .....	Henderson, N. C.
A. J. Harris* .....	Oxford, N. C.
W. B. Ellis** .....	Elbaville, N. C.
H. B. Conrad* .....	Lewisville, N. C.
E. L. Greene** .....	Tyro, N. C.
T. J. Conrad* .....	Lewisville, N. C.

### SOPHOMORE CLASS

C. A. Bowman .....	Show's Mills, N. C.
F. M. Totten .....	Reidsville, N. C.
S. C. Beck .....	Tyro, N. C.
John D. Huffines** .....	Brown's Summit, N. C.
J. M. Lowe* .....	Yadkin College, N. C.
G. M. Smithdeal** .....	Yadkin College, N. C.
J. W. Hopkins** .....	Brown's Summit, N. C.
J. Mc. De Armon .....	Alexandrianna, N. C.
L. A. Harris*** .....	Henderson, N. C.
J. B. Ogburn** .....	Summerfield, N. C.

### SUMMERFIELD, N. C.

J. D. Simpson .....	Simpson's Store, N. C.
W. B. Harris .....	Summerfield, N. C.
W. L. Harris .....	Henderson, N. C.
S. L. Owen .....	Lexington, N. C.
N. W. Ogburn .....	Yadkin College, N. C.

The other Students are irregular, or in the Preparatory Department.

## DEGREES

By motion of the President of the College and

## A. B. DEGREE CURRICULUM

vote of the Trustees, no Degrees will be conferred other than Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Science; and these Degrees will be conferred on only those who take the Course in this Institution, and stand an approved Examination.

Honorary degrees are seldom awarded and then only upon distinguished men who deserve them.

### COURSE OF STUDY

#### Freshman Class

##### FIRST TERM

Latin Grammar.  
Greek Grammar.  
Practical Arithmetic.  
Geography.  
Composition.  
Latin Exercises.

##### SECOND TERM

Latin Grammar.  
Caesar.  
Xenophon's Anabasis.  
Greek Grammar.  
Higher Arithmetic.  
Elementary Algebra.

#### Sophomore Class

##### FIRST TERM

Latin Grammar.  
Virgil and Ovid.  
Herodotus.  
Geometry.  
History of the U. S.  
Natural Philosophy.  
University Algebra.

##### SECOND TERM

Oration of Cicero.  
Demosthenese de corona.  
Astronomy.  
Trigonometry.  
University Algebra.  
German Grammar.  
French Grammar.

#### Junior Class

##### FIRST TERM

Sallust.  
Homer's Iliad.

##### SECOND TERM

Cicero de Officiis.  
Thucydides.

## GRADUATE IN THREE YEARS

Chemistry.	Navigatio nand Surveying.
Rhetoric.	Chemistry.
German Reader.	French and German Extracts.
Telemaque.	Lectures on Rhetoric.
Analytical Geometry.	General History.

### Senior Class

FIRST TERM	SECOND TERM
Tacitus.	Classic Mythology and
Geology.	Antiquities.
Metaphysics.	Lectures on International Law.
Mathematical Astronomy.	Reviews, Horace.
English Literature.	Olmstead's Mechanics.
Logic.	Shakespeare's Plays.
	Higher English.

### SHORT COURSE

It will be seen from the above that, when students are prepared to enter the Freshman Class in most Colleges with the view of remaining four years, they can enter the Sophomore Class in Yaddin College with the view of remaining three years, and thus save the money and time of one year.

If such students have energy, plunk, determination, and fair capacity, they will be graduated here in three years, otherwise they remain four years.

This arrangement enables us to benefit a class of young men who have great energy and fine capacity, and but little time, or money.



## THE COST OF EDUCATION

In all cases we shall graduate only those boys that submit to drill and discipline, and become fair scholars.

### EXPENSES

We take it for granted that all honest and intelligent people expect to pay an equivalent in money, barter or services for whatever they receive in a business transaction. To receive an article of value from an honest laborer, and not pay for it, is, unless it be a gift, a positive damage to the receiver, and an insult to God. We hold it to be a truth of universal application, that nothing is worth a penny that does not cost a penny. An appropriate text for all pulpits in the land is, "Pay that thou owest." Our fees are very moderate; from that very fact we must have them.

On entering College, every term each student pays one dollar to meet his contingent expenses.

#### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.—TUITION

Beginning class embracing English Grammar, Prac. Arithmetic, History of U. S.,

Geog., and Dict. ....	\$12.50
Advance class in same Department.....	\$15.00
Sophomore Class-College course.....	\$16.00
Junior Class .....	\$18.00
Senior Class .....	\$20.00

## BOARD AND ROOM

By comparing expenses you will find ours about one-half that of most schools of similar grade.

To be intelligent on the general questions of modern science, to examine the new modes of instruction and to avail ourselves of the many suggestive hints in the numerous articles now written on the subject of Education and teaching, require a considerable outlay of money every term. In view of this fact we make the following arrangements:

Every student is required to pay when he enters, one-third the tuition for a term, from \$4.16 2-3 to \$6.66 2-3. At the end of six weeks the same amount again. At the end of thirteen weeks from the beginning last payment. We will help indigent people as much as we are able; but all deviations from the above statement must be by previous arrangement and for warrantable reasons. Ministers' sons pay no tuition. The last week in March each student pays \$1.50 to defray Commencement expenses. Deductions in tuition made in case of protracted, unavoidable absence.

Parents should see that their children get in at the opening and remain till after the final examination.

BOARD.—Board with good rooms furnished, and with wood, per month \$7.50 to \$8.00.

## COLLEGE RULES

**CLUBS.**—Students can rent rooms and board themselves at a cost from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per month. Room rent 75 cents to \$1.00 per month, monthly in advance.

### REGULATIONS

Our discipline is parental and mild, yet firm, and it proceeds upon the principle that all young men are under obligations to themselves, their country and their God to build up and sustain a noble Christian character with incorruptible integrity. We are polite to young men, teach them to think something of themselves, and we put them on their honor to conform to the rules of the College and observe all the regulations of good society. We exercise great indulgence, but when a boy violates a plain rule, when he is doing no good, or when he is incorrigibly profane or vicious, he is demerited, suspended, or dismissed. No student is allowed to leave College or to be absent from any regular duty without permission from the Faculty. No student is allowed to play at any game of chance, to use profane language, to indulge in intoxicating liquors, or to engage in any thing that would manifestly be followed by evil consequences.

### MEANS OF ACCESS

Yadkin College is situated in Davidson County,

## YADKIN COLLEGE NEAR LEXINGTON

on the Yadkin River, nine miles from Lexington, the College Station.

All students should stop at Lexington, a town on the North Carolina Railroad, from which place they can come out on the daily mail, or be accommodated by any one of the hotels of that town.

### POST OFFICE

All communications for the officers and students should be directed to Yadkin College, Davidson County, North Carolina.

Express matter may be addressed to "Yadkin College, via Lexington, N. C."

### PENMANSHIP

The Professor in this Department, G. M. Smithdeal has great mechanical skill in the formation of letters, and is a most excellent teacher. A Professor of Penmanship from one of our best Colleges after talking to Professor Smithdeal a while, and after seeing some of his work, told me that Professor Smithdeal would make one of the most successful penmen in this State. Professor Smithdeal takes pains in that Department and his whole delight is in the use of the pen. His lessons in drawing are very attractive. He fills orders for various

## A MUSIC DEPARTMENT

kinds of fancy cards, visiting cards, etc.; should any person need any cards, I guarantee that he will be prompt and give satisfaction. They will be furnished at from 10 to 40c per dozen postage paid. For samples send 25c with your name and address legibly written.

### VOCAL MUSIC

Professor Baker has succeeded in establishing himself not only as an able mathematician and as a master of the English Language, but also as a competent teacher in vocal music. Those coming to Yadkin will enjoy rare advantages in vocal music as well as in Penmanship.

### MATRICULATION

As soon as possible after students arrive, they should call on the President, matriculate, and pay the entrance fee one dollar.

To consult the President before making arrangements for board, will often be an advantage to young men.

Students may enter at any time, and pay from time of entering, provided that all students entering within the first month, pay for the whole term.

### LOCATING AT YADKIN

When parents move to Yadkin for the purpose

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of educating their children, the parents pay, in advance, for the whole term of five months only six dollars.

Parents coming to Yadkin for the purposes of enjoying the advantages of the school, can rent land here on favorable terms, and thus save much in the education of their children.

### BOOKS

Students are supplied with Text Books and Stationery, here in the village at the lowest prices.

### PROSPECTS

Yadkin College this Term has twenty per cent more students than the school has had any former Term since the war.

Steps have been taken to erect a New College Building: more than one-third of the money is now pledged.

### FEMALE DEPARTMENT

Prof. R. T. Pickens has charge of this Department, and is competent to give satisfaction. In many respects, Yadkin has superior advantages as a place for the education of young ladies. Young ladies board near the College and have every necessary protection and safeguard thrown around them.



## TOWN INCORPORATED 1873

In reference to the management, control, and other particulars of this Department, address the Principal,

R. T. PICKENS, Yadkin College, N. C.

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Miss Swannanoa Harris, teacher of Instrumental Music, is a skilful organist and pianist; she gives satisfaction, and advances her students rapidly.

Student may enjoy the benefit of this Department at a very moderate cost.

### THE BUSINESS OF THE TOWN

Yadkin College is an incorporated town of about one hundred and fifty inhabitants. There are four stores and one Tobacco Factory.

Messrs. Dale & Jordan manufacture Plug, Twist and Smoking Tobacco. These gentlemen are business men, and are prompt in filling orders.

### KEROSENE OIL

Mr. Dale furnishes Kerosene Oil regularly at fifteen cents per gallon.

This low price of fuel, together with the cheapness of many other articles and general simplicity in style of life, makes Yadkin a very desirable point for reeducation.

## CICERO AND CLARK SOCIETIES

### MORALS

Three Religious Services every week. Students are required to attend Sabbath School; but the doctrinal points of Denominations receive no attention.

### SOCIETIES

The two Literary Societies afford fine opportunities for extempore speaking, and for declaiming.

All may become acquainted with Parliamentary usage or the laws of debate.

President S. Simpson graduated from Trinity College in 1873. He is a thorough scholar, elegant in general culture, and a good teacher.

B. CRAVEN, Pres. Trinity College.

Rev. S. Simpson, A.M., was a student of Trinity College at the time I held the chair of Natural Sciences in that Institution. He made good advancement in the subjects in the department I directed. His bearing was always dignified and courteous; and his reputation of the first character.

WILL C. DOUB, Pres. Louisburg Female College  
Louisburg, N. C.

I consider the Rev. S. Simpson, Pres. of Yadkin College a gentleman of fine scholastic attainments, a good disciplinarian and an energetic and accurate instructor. I warmly recommend him to the public confidence and patronage.

W. T. GANNAWAY, Prof. of Latin and History  
Trinity College, N. C.

## YADKIN COLLEGE PRAISED

It affords me pleasure to state that Rev. S. Simpson, A.M., Pres. of Yadkin College, N. C. is a regular graduate of Trinity College, N. C., having completed in addition to the other Departments of our curriculum, a full course in Greek and French, with the unanimous approval of the Faculty and having also taken a partial course in German. I have no hesitancy in recommending him as fully competent to teach successfully all the above mentioned branches.

O. W. CARR, Prof. Greek and Modern Languages  
Trinity College, N. C.

PRESIDENT:

\* \* \* \* I am under lasting obligations to you for the earnts efforts you made to teach me the great principles of business and prosperity. The more I do in life, the more I recognize the benefit of your teaching. \* \* \* \*

LEE RAMSEY, A.M.

REV. S. SIMPSON, A.M.:

\* \* \* \* I sincerely thank you. You taught me how to think. You are the right man in the righ tplace. \* \* \* \*

R. T. RAMSEY, M.D.

President Simpson came to Yadkin College highly recommended and as a teacher for six years he has ably sustained himself.

CITIZENS.

## SURROUNDINGS AND BUSINESS ADVANTAGES

Yadkin College, is surrounded by fertile lands, whose products are abundant, and of excellent quality. The staple crops are, Corn, Wheat, Cotton and Tobacco. Farms sufficiently near to be

## YADKIN COLLEGE

cultivated and attended to by any one residing in the village, can be purchased on reasonable terms. Labor is cheap; town lots can be bought at low prices, and building materials, lumber and brick, can be had at as little cost as at any other locality in the State. Thus there are many inducements offered to farmers.

The town of Yadkin College, occupies a central position between Lexington, Winston, and Salisbury, and being thus favorably situated for merchandising, a sufficient capital could control a very large and lucrative trade from the valley of the Yadkin. Cotton, tobacco and snuff, could be manufactured at a cost perhaps less than at any other favorable point in the State. Spoke and handle factories might also reap large profits from the fine hickory timber, that abounds in the forests near.

Incalculable water powers within a mile of the town, might be made available for manufacturing.

The citizens of Yadkin College and vicinity, propose special inducements to those who will locate here in business, especially in manufacturing. Any one visiting with a view of locating in business, will be cordially welcomed, and any com-

## PROFESSOR R. T. PICKENS

munications addressed to the President of Yadkin College, will receive prompt attention, and the points of inquiry most thorough investigation.

### FROM PROF. R. T. PICKENS

Principal of

#### FEMALE DEPARTMENT

In the main the regulations in this are the same as those in the Male Department. The young ladies have different instructors, and the two departments are kept entirely separate, the students meeting only at Chapel services, and in class of vocal music with members of the faculty, and at no other times unless under similar supervision.

The young ladies may board within fifty yards of the College, where comfortable rooms are furnished, and no pains are spared to render entire satisfaction to the patrons of the Institution. As it is the residence of the Principal, special attention can be given outside of school hours. Out-door exercises will be provided for, and encouraged to the extent of preserving physical health and strength.

Parents who arrange for their daughters to board with a friend or relative in the village, and,

## CARE OF STUDENTS

also, wish them to be controlled by that friend or relative, should make such desires known to the Principal. Arrangements can be made as to the studies pursued.

Young ladies coming by public conveyance will be transported from the depot to the College without delay or trouble, if the Principal is informed of the time of arrival at that point.

Students are received at any time and charged from time of entering. No deduction will be allowed in the tuition bills of those entering within three weeks after the opening of the term. No deduction will be made for lost time except in case of protracted sickness.

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Faculty and friends of Yadkin College are determined to make this Institution an influential and leading educational centre for both sexes. So that none need hesitate to send their sons or daughters.

Instruction in this department will be thorough; and candidates for admission into any class must be examined in the studies already pursued by that class. Students who complete satisfactorily either the classical or scientific course of study, and show themselves in their final examination



## A PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT

accurately versed in all the subjects treated of in the lectures and correlative texts, will be entitled to graduate and to receive a suitable Diploma. We have a Preparatory Department for those not prepared for the Collegiate course.

### THE PECULIAR FEATURES

of this College is the co-education of the sexes in distinct departments. This system enables parents to educate their sons and daughters at the same school and under the same general influence.

### EXPENSES PER TERM

Board with furnished rooms, per month .....	\$ 8.00
Washing, per month .....	75 to \$ 1.00
Tuition in Preparatory Department	\$ 7.00 to \$10.00
Tuition in Collegiate Department....	\$12.00 to \$20.00
Instruction in Instrumental Music and use of instrument .....	\$12.50
Instruction in Penmanship .....	\$ 1.00

1. 1879-80 Catalogue.

## CHAPTER XV

REV. R. H. WILLS, PRESIDENT

IN A LETTER Dr. George S. Wills, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md., writes:

The Reverent O. B. Michael,  
Newton, N. C.

My dear Mr. Michael:

I am glad to comply with your request for information about my father, the Reverent R. H. Wills.

I am sending you under separate cover an account of his life, which gives all the essential facts.

My father's presidency of Yadkin College was titular rather than active. My impression is that he was called "President *Pro Tem.*" When President S. Simpson resigned in the summer of 1883 no one was then available for his place as teaching president. My father was therefore appointed President *Pro Tem.*, with Alexander Baker, who had been Simpson's assistant, in charge of all the duties that involved teaching, discipline, and other internal regulation. What my father's duties were is not clear in my mind. I was at the time too young to be concerned with matters that did not directly relate to me and my work.

## PROFESSOR ALEXANDER BAKER, A.B.

So far as I can now recall, my father was to have a general oversight of the school, to act as adviser, with probably the final "say" about the broad policy of the institution. His duties to the college were not expected to interfere with his active pastoral duties. I remember that he frequently visited the college, conducting morning prayers and attending classes. As was natural, the teacher would give him an opportunity to "say something" to the class or to quiz it. Sometimes he would do this briefly; again, he would not.

You ask for a brief description of Yadkin College while I was there. From this distance much that I remember is too hazy for me to write definitely. I would mention, however, two or three things that are still vivid:

1. The outstanding teachers during my stay there (Feb., 1882-May, 1885) were the Reverend S. Simpson and Alexander Baker. Mr. Baker was a quiet, kindly, fine-spirited man, with a strong character. His own knowledge was exact and thorough, and he required the same of his pupils. His honesty in grading was such that a student knew that a grade from him, so far as he could judge, was deserved.

## SIMPSON'S PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

Dr. Simpson was a good teacher, but his special *forte* was his ability to inspire his pupils (if there was anything to be inspired), and to stir in them an ambition to make the best of themselves. I have no doubt that many of his pupils strove hard to excel when, without his influence, they would have been content with less than their best.

2. The atmosphere of the school during Dr. Simpson's and Mr. Baker's service was wholesome—one in which the student felt free to be himself so long as he followed generally accepted standards of decency and honor, and one in which he felt responsible for his own success. 'Shoulder your burden and bear it like a man,' was one of Dr. Simpson's teachings.

3. Those whom I recall as good students and strong characters were E. E. Raper, A. A. Hicks, Zeno H. Dixon, W. C. Hammer, W. E. Swain, E. G. Lowdermilk, and W. R. Lowdermilk. Probably there were others just as worthy of mention; but not having been closely associated with them, I do not remember them.

You undoubtedly know more about the careers of these men than I do. Having lived outside of North Carolina the most of my mature life, I lost

## NON-RESIDENT PRESIDENT

sight of all except W. C. Hammer. He, Mr. Swain, and I were in a class together in several subjects; and became quite close in friendship. Mr. Swain I did not keep up with after I left the state in 1896. Mr. Hammer I followed pretty closely until his death. He was a strong character and a good public servant. He became a great Lawyer and a member of Congress.

Yours very truly,  
GEORGE S. WILLS.

### Memorial Address<sup>1</sup>

Prepared and read by the Rev. John L. Michaux and read  
at the funeral of Mr. Wills

Rev. Richard H. Wills, eldest son of Rev. Wm. H. Wills, D.D., and his wife Anna Whitaker, was born in Tarboro, N. C., on the 10th day of October, 1836, and at the time of his death, at 3:15 P. M., November 5th, 1891, was aged 55 years, 3 weeks and 4 days.

### HIS ENLISTMENT

Rev. R. H. Wills enlisted early in the service of the Master, being converted at the age of sixteen. The date of his license to preach is not at hand, nor yet the date of his first pulpit effort, but his first sermon was preached at Bethesda Church,

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near his father's home, in Halifax County—it is believed—in 1855, in his 19th year.

From this time until the autumn of 1858 he filled the position of local preacher, aiding zealously and effectively in all the protracted and revival meetings within his reach.

## POSITIONS FILLED

He joined Conference at the session of 1858, was assigned to Tar River Circuit, and at Red Oak Church, Nash County, December 12, 1858, preached his first sermon as an itinerant from Luke ix: 23. He was returned to Tar River from the Conference of 1859, and at the Conference of 1860 was ordained deacon. From here he was assigned to Albemarle circuit, continuing thereon the second year, and the year 1863 he spent in rest at home. The years '64 and '65 he rode Haw River circuit.

On January 20th, 1864, he was married in Bethesda Church to Ann Louisa Norman, daughter of the late Joseph S. Norman, of Washington County, Rev. W. H. Wills performing the ceremony. The year '66 he traveled Roanoke circuit; '67, '68, '69, '70, Albemarle circuit; '71, '72, Halifax. In the years '73, '74 and '75 he was President of the Conference. The years '76 and '77 he spent on Davidson circuit; '78 and '79 Winston station; '80 Tar



## PASSED AT GREENSBORO

River; '81 and '82 Greensboro circuit. During '83 he acted as stationed executive of the district and pastor of Winston mission; '84 and '85 as traveling President; '86 on Mocksville circuit; '87 and '88 Greensboro; '89, President, and '90 and '91, Haw River circuit, his last work. Thus it is seen that he spent 32 years in active work. He was also a member of the General Conference of 1866, of the General Convention of 1877, and of the General Conferences of '84 and '88, besides serving as a member of the Joint Commission of the Methodist and Methodist Protestant bodies at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1876.

Services were held at the late residence of the deceased, on Saturday, November 7th, 1891, at 11 o'clock A. M., and were participated in by Rev. S. H. Hilliard, pastor of West Market Street M. E. Church, South, and Rev.'s J. R. Ball, W. F. Kennett and J. L. Michaux, of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. J. R. Ball read the 90th Psalm.

The music, "Abide With Me," was sweetly and touchingly rendered by select voices under the direction of Mr. C. H. Ireland, accompanied by Mrs. C. H. Ireland on the piano, in strict and beautiful harmony.

Rev. S. H. Hilliard offered prayer and Rev. J. L. Michaux delivered the Memorial Address, which was followed by the second hymn, "I Would Not Live Always."

Then the remains, in charge of Messrs. C. H. Ireland, J. S. Hunter, R. G. Glenn, Richard H. Brooks, J. A. Odell and Prof. J. Allen Holt, the pall bearers, were borne to Green Hill Cemetery for interment, where the concluding services were performed by Rev.'s J. R. Ball and W. F. Kennett at Greensboro, N. C.

1. Life of Rev. R. H. Wills.

## CHAPTER XVI

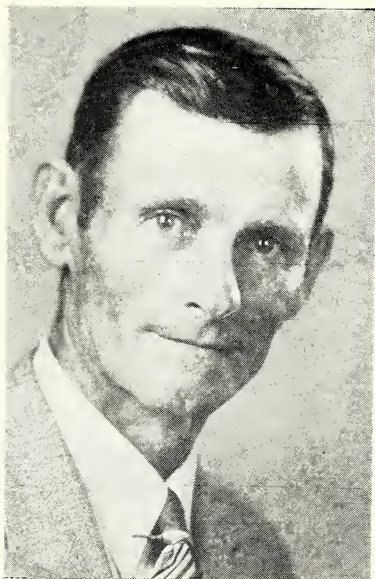
REV. W. A. ROGERS, D.D., LL.D.  
PRESIDENT

A FORMER STUDENT of Dr. Rogers<sup>1</sup> beautifully describes in part the high quality of his work while he served as President of Yadkin College. Mrs. Bessie Norman Owen (Mrs. S. L.), writes an appreciative letter, as follows:

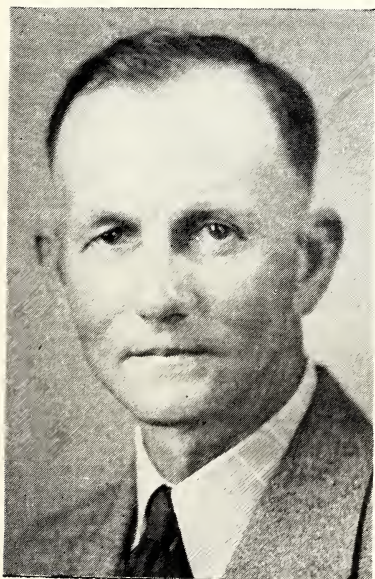
Your letter just received making inquiry regarding the life and work of President W. A. Rogers, formerly of Yadkin College. I hasten to reply. I think you have Mr. Owen's first wife in mind. Her father, the Rev. Dr. W. A. Rogers was President of Yadkin College in 1884-85 and 1886-87, I think. Before coming to Yadkin College he was President of several different Female Colleges in Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas and other places I do not now remember. He was considered one of the finest educators of the South. I came to Yadkin College to school in 1885 and was there one year. My uncle, the Rev. W. H. Wills, was President a year. I think it was before Dr. Rogers came there. I considered Dr. Rogers the finest teacher I was ever under. His daughter, Miss Minnie Rogers, who was Mr. Owen's first wife, taught in the college; also his son, Mr. Walter B. Rogers. I had classes



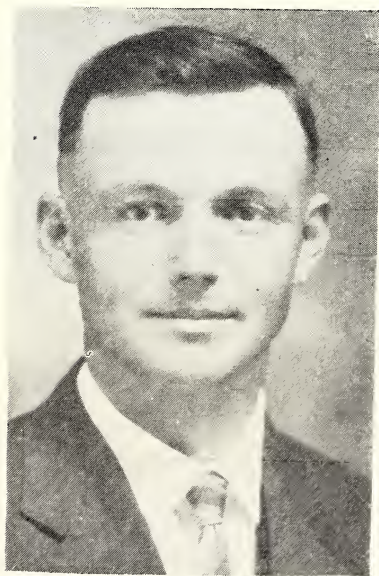
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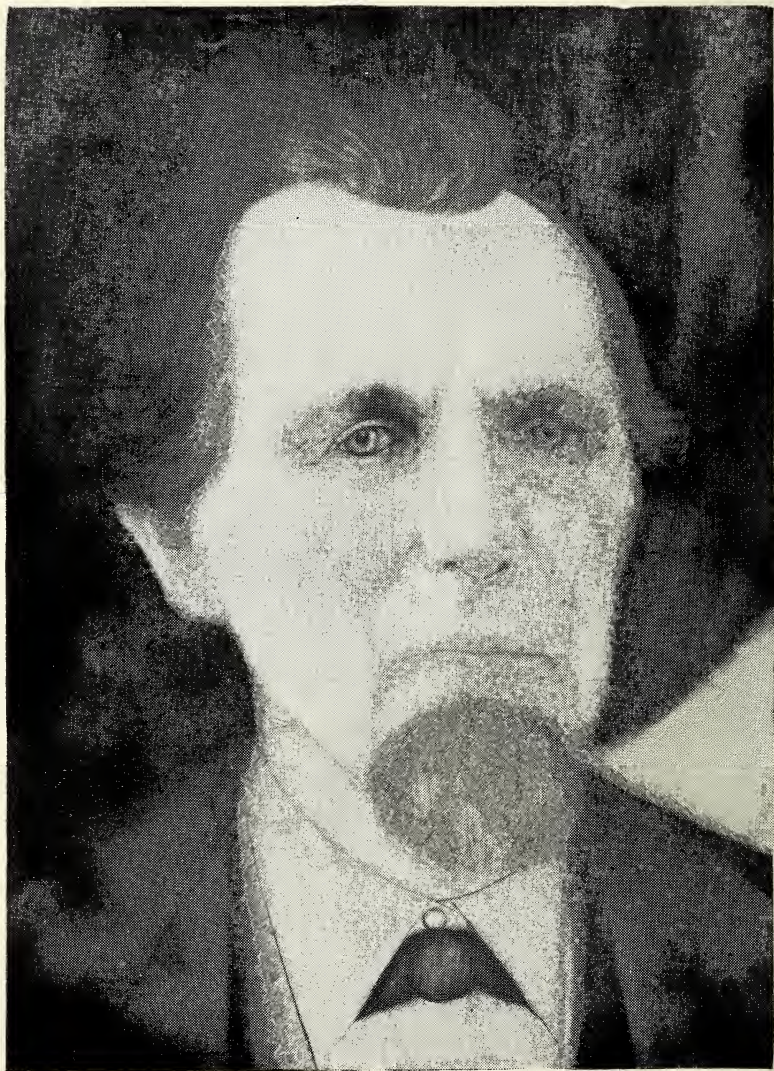


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W. E. LEONARD  
1913





DAVID L. MICHAEL, 1816-1886  
*A Trustee*

## PRESIDENT SEVERAL COLLEGES

under both of them. Mr. Owen and Miss Minnie Rogers were married while I was there at school. From this marriage there is one son, Mr. W. Mansfield Owen, who lives at 3616 33rd St., Mt. Ranier, Md., near Washington City, and he has the only picture of Dr. W. A. Rogers, his grandfather, that I know anything about. My husband, Mr. S. L. Owen (A.B., '80, Yadkin College), joins me in kind regards and best wishes. Sincerely,

1. Bessie Norman Owen (Mrs. S. L.)

May 4, 1939

Lexington, N. C.



## CHAPTER XVII

REV. A. R. MORGAN, PRESIDENT

REV. A. RUFUS MORGAN<sup>1</sup> came to Yadkin College in January, 1887, from La Grange, N. C. He was there about three years after which he went as a missionary to Japan.

He stayed in Japan several years and then returned to the U. S. After returning he lived in Goldsboro and went into business. He lived many years before death.

I do not know much about his life except while at Yadkin. I think he was a native of Stokesdale, N. C. He was twice married but I do not know the names of his wives. He had two children by his first wife. His name was A. Rufus Morgan.

I am able to speak of his work at Yadkin College as it looked to a girl in her teens. I remember him as a very conscientious, painstaking teacher. He was a hard student while there. One would almost call him self-educated. I do not remember having heard of any college in connection with his education. I think he attended Oak Ridge Institute.

He increased attendance rapidly while there by his never-failing energy. The enrollment was at its peak, then, I think.

## A DILIGENT TEACHER

The outstanding personal characteristics were his very long silky red beard which he cared for very carefully, plaiting it up at night, etc., and his nervous long striding walk.

I hope this sketchy, disconnected write-up will be of a little help.

1. Martha Davis Mendenhall Askins.

## CHAPTER XVIII

### ELIHU PINCKNEY MENDENHALL, A.B. PRESIDENT

FOR FIVE YEARS Prof. Elihu Pinckney<sup>1</sup> Mendenhall was connected with Yadkin College. During the incumbency of Rev. George W. Holmes he acted as President one term. Mr. Holmes could not begin his work until January. During the remainder of his period of service he was Professor of Mathematics and Science. This was from 1886 to 1891.

His first efforts at teaching were put forth in the rural districts of Guilford County. He was a student at Jamestown and High Point. He was a college student at Guilford College and the University of North Carolina. He also did considerable work in the summer schools of the state of North Carolina.

Professor Mendenhall's service as a teacher extended over a period of fifty years. He was Headmaster of Clemmons High School, Principal of West Salem graded school, and Superintendent of the Morehead City schools.

He was born at Deep River, near High Point, N. C., December 30, 1865, the son of Alpheus L. and Susannah Corinna (Davis) Mendenhall. He married Miss Gealia Hanner, the daughter of Rev.

## A TALENTED TEACHER

R. R. Hanner of Yadkin College. There were no children by this marriage. He later married Miss Martha Davis, daughter of Daffron and Ella Davis of Yadkin College. He had four children: Veator David, Paul Alpheus, Mildred Corinna, and Elihu Worth.

Professor Mendenhall was a member of the Friends Church until 1900 when he affiliated himself with the Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. He died in 1934, in Yanceyville, N. C., and was buried in the Salem Cemetery, Winston-Salem, N. C.

1. Martha Davis Mendenhall Askins, Kingstree, S. C.

## CHAPTER XIX

REV. GEORGE W. HOLMES, A.B., PRESIDENT

REV. GEORGE W. HOLMES<sup>1</sup> was born in Alamance County, near Mt. Hermon Methodist Protestant Church, February 11, 1856. He was the youngest son of William and Jane Thompson Holmes. In his early boyhood days he was converted to Christ and joined Mt. Hermon Methodist Protestant Church. He was a graduate of old Trinity College, now Duke University, receiving his diploma in 1880. Following his graduation for a number of years he taught in the academic schools of Alamance County. In 1890 he was called to the presidency of Yadkin College, the forerunner of High Point College. This position he held for nine years. Here he did a fundamental and far-reaching work for the Methodist Protestant Church, not only in this state, but throughout the nation. He also served on the Boards of Education in Davidson County and his native county, Alamance. He was also for a number of years a member of the Board of Trustees of High Point College.

In 1901 Brother Holmes was licensed by the Quarterly Conference of Mt. Hermon Charge to preach the gospel of Christ, and he became an itinerant in our Conference. In 1903 he received

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his ordination. His ministry seems to have been limited to the counties of Halifax, Edgecomb, Granville, Vance, Orange, Alamance and Chatham. In 1917 he was called from the itinerancy to be the president of his Conference. In this capacity he served for two years. From that office he went back into the active ministry and continued until 1926 at which time, because of failing health, he retired. His remaining years were spent in the pew as a prayerful, sympathetic and inspiring listener in Bethel Methodist Protestant Church and as a teacher in the Sunday School.

In 1881 he was married to Miss Mary W. Foust, who, with the following children, survive: Prof. James E. Holmes, of Leaksville; Prof. John Albert Holmes, Edenton; Prof. Ralph W. Holmes, of Elizabeth City; George W. Holmes, Jr., of Graham; Misses Minnie Mae and Bessie Louise who live at home, and Joseph W., of Burlington. On December 11 he was called home, having attained the ripe age of 81 years and ten months.

The following tribute is paid him by Rev. H. L. Isley, who was his spiritual adviser during his last years: 'George W. Holmes possessed a life of rare beauty. Not only was he a great preacher and



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teacher, but he was beloved of those who knew him because of his tenderness of heart, the magnanimity and sensitivity of his soul to the deeper spiritual values of life. He loved not only the world of nature and books, especially the Bible, but also his fellow-men. His spirit was at home with devout Christians everywhere. Although he could have boasted of his attainments, his was an humble and lowly spirit. Some of us will never know till the records are all in how much has been built into our characters and personalities by this good man who has left us a heritage out of the overflow of his mind and heart."

Tributes by some of his students: Rev. G. L. Curry says of him: "My being a pupil of Professor Holmes at Yadkin College is one of the high lights of my life. He was a great scholar and a great teacher. His was a great soul and he was a great man. He loved and possessed the great principles of truth and righteousness, which he imparted by precept, but most of all by a great life."

Rev. G. L. Reynolds: 'As a student at Yadkin College under Professor Holmes in the early nineties I found him a teacher of great ability, a man devoted to the cause of education, and much in-



Rowland, Lucy Belle, and John Totten

W. L. Thompson, W. T. Totten  
home

Rev. S. W. Taylor's hospitable home

Henry Walser, 1829,  
Wm. J. Byerly, 1939,  
historic home

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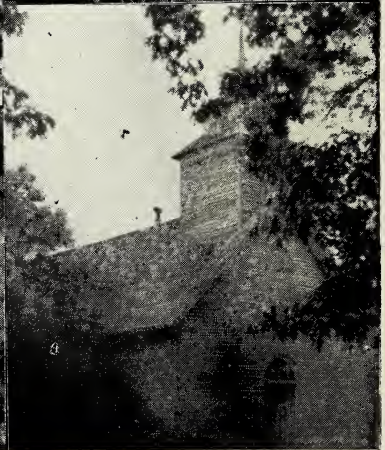
Ed. L. Greene, Mayor, home

J. T. Williamson, Mrs. A. J. Lynch  
home

Hon. Gaither Walser,  
H. L. Green home

Historic Yadkin River,  
from near College Hill





Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Totten, and Leonard home

Wills, Thompson, Broadway home

Hon. Sanford Phillips,  
Milliard Phillips home

T. S. Dale's hospitable home

Ed L. Owen's hospitable home

Hanner, Charles, home

Z. H. Dixon, A.B., '83  
S. L. Owen, A.B., '80  
W. T. Totten, A.B., '82

M. E. Church

## A MAN OF SYMPATHY

terested in the young men and women who were his students. My contact with him in the classroom gave me higher ideals of life and helped me to attain whatever success may have come by my feeble efforts. I always felt he was my friend as well as my teacher."

Dr. T. M. Johnson: "I was his pupil in his first school. The house was of log and daubed with mud; the seats were of slabs with no back seats. He was of stately bearing, vigorous intellect and sturdy character—willing to share and to encourage. I was in that plastic stage of boy life that is most easily impressed by contacts with an older person, and I wanted to be like him, for to me he was a kind of hero. I was under his influence not only in the school room, but in the modest home of my parents where he boarded. I cannot say in which place his influence was greatest over me, but I am sure that because of these double contacts, the impact of his life upon mine was more than doubled."

Rev. W. F. Ashburn: "As a leader he was great in sympathetic understanding, in patience and in instruction. He loved his students and gave them his best. His religious and moral influence were a great power over the whole school. Whatever of

## COMPLETED AUDITORIUM

worth my life has been to the Kingdom, I attribute it largely to my early contacts with this man."

Rev. H. L. Powell: "I was associated with Rev. Geo. W. Holmes, first as a student in Yadkin College; and, second, in the pastorate, in all for some forty-five years. He was in every respect the highest type of Christian gentleman. I shall honor and cherish his memory till death unites us in eternal fellowship with Christ."

Rev. H. S. B. Thompson: "My opportunity to know him could hardly have been better. I studied under him in Bethel Academy and in Yadkin College. I boarded with him at his home; I exchanged help with him in meetings. We rode together; we talked together; we prayed together. We did not always see alike in our discussions, but we always came out better friends. He was one of the best men I ever knew, if not the best."

Dr. J. D. Williams: "I hesitate to say anything in regards to the life and influence of this good man, because of my inability to express my appreciation for what he has been to me, or to do justice to his name. I found in him all the elements that make a Christian gentleman, a true friend and a good minister of Jesus Christ. I shall always be

## PASSES AT AGE 81

glad that I came under the influence of his life.”

Dr. S. W. Taylor: “Professor Holmes was a teacher par excellence at Yadkin College. He knew his courses and taught the heart. He knew the worth of high living and taught his pupils to seek it. He was a faithful and an efficient preacher of the gospel. I am glad to pay this tribute to a beloved teacher and a noble man.”

Dr. C. E. Forlines: “Dr. Holmes was a great and good man. He was great in simplicity, in understanding, and in sympathy. He was a great teacher at Yadkin College. His goodness to everybody sprang from an inner goodness of character; and that good understanding was achieved through his devoted cooperation with divine grace.”

Superintendent James E. Holmes states that students who completed the course of study at Yadkin College under President Holmes were admitted into the Junior Class of the University of North Carolina. President C. E. Forline, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D., Dean H. B. Phillips, Ph.D., LL.D., Senator Wade H. Phillips, Thomas Byerly and Wm. J. Byerly, bankers, were some of his outstanding students.

1. 1938 Journal M. P. Church.



## CHAPTER XX

### PRESIDENT TWENTY-SIX YEARS

(SOME YEARS ago we, his three children, asked our father to write down, at his leisure, things about himself that he thought would be of interest to us children. In answer to this request he did jot down, from time to time, notes about himself. The following is from those notes.<sup>1</sup>)

My father, John Henry Totten, was the son of Richard and Diskin Totten. My mother was Margaret Frances, the daughter of Captain Samuel S. B. Smith and Fannie Smith. Grandfather had given my mother, for that day, good educational advantages. She was educated at Monticello Academy and at New Garden—now known as Guilford College.

My parents at first after their marriage lived with Grandfather Smith, four miles south of Reidsville and one mile north of Low's Church. I was born there at my grandfather's on February 13, 1862. When I was about three years old my father moved near one of my Grandfather Smith's mills, and took charge of it. Grandfather at the time owned two mills. This one was a corn mill and a saw mill. The other mill, the Bran Mill, was a flour mill, a corn mill, and a saw mill.

## PEARSON FARM, ROCKINGHAM

While living near the mill sister Belle was born.

When I was about five years old my father bought the Pearson Place, near Low's Church. The house in which we lived was a half mile west of the church. Father built a house up on the public road a quarter of a mile from Grandfather Smith's. Sister Cora was born at the old house on the Pearson Place. Aminius and Fannie Diskin were born in the new house. My mother died and before she died the baby Fannie Diskin died. Afterwards Father married Talitha Stanley. She was an ideal stepmother. To father and my stepmother in the new house a baby was born. Father, wanting to perpetuate the name of his mother, named this child also Diskin. She lived to be about grown and died.

In 1873 father sold the Pearson farm to Mr. Husband from Canada. He then bought from Rev. C. F. Harris the Brooks farm, four miles north of Kernersville. This farm contained more than 400 acres. It was the Widow Brooks' dower. There on the Brooks farm brother Felix was born. We moved to the Brooks place December 31, 1873.

(Addie asked about my early education.)  
When I was about five years old my father took

## MOVES NEAR KERNERSVILLE

me up behind him on his horse as he went to work one morning, and left me at the little log schoolhouse at Low's Church. It seems to me the teacher was a Miss Thacker. There was a long switch lying behind the teacher's chair. She never used the switch, but I did not like the looks of it. I wanted to be back home. I hear so much of the whippings at school in the olden days; but I do not remember of ever seeing another switch at school in all the time I attended public school. This was a private school. At 12 o'clock father, going home for dinner, went by the schoolhouse for me. I lay dwn after getting home and had a chill. I never went back to that schoolhouse where the switch was.

My parents taught me at home until I was about ten years old. When I again went to school I was in "the big spelling class"—which made me feel distinguished for one of my age. I think that I was also studying reading, arithmetic, geography, grammar, and writing. The schoolhouses of that day were of one style—a log house of about 20-foot square, a large fireplace at ne end, a table beside the fireplace for the teacher, a big window at one side of the house and a door at the opposite side; at the end opposite the fireplace, as though most

## SCHOOL AT MIZPAH CHURCH

of the log had been cut out, was a long window. In front of this window there was a slanting shelf for writing. At this shelf was a long bench, on which we sat when learning to write. The bench had no back. The legs of us little people could not reach the floor as we wrote. Indeed, none of the benches had backs to them. Each was made of a thick plank in which holes were bored for peg legs. The teacher had a chair.

My first school—not counting the half day—was at Mizpah Church. All the schools of which I knew were then two months each. My father taught this school at \$30 a month. As I remember it, \$20, sometimes \$15, was a common price. We went two miles to this school. In the summer, after father finished the Mizpah school, the same year, he taught the school at Roach's schoolhouse. The pay was the same, \$30 a month. This school was two miles northeast of our home. I went to this school also.

When we got to this schoolhouse the first morning, lo! there was no floor in the house. Between the sleepers there was straw, where lumbermen had been sleeping some time before. It was summer time. Not to be outdone, we removed the straw

## AT OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE

and the sleepers for the floor, swept the dirt floor. Then we went to studying and had a good school. The next winter I went to Samuel Lineberry at Mizpah. He was very kind. The next school I attended was at Piney Grove in Forsyth County, taught by Iverson Crews. He received \$20 a month. I went to him every winter, except one, until I entered school at Oak Ridge. That one year Mr. Linville taught the school. He had authority to examine and give certificates to other teachers. One day someone came to the schoolhouse to be examined. Mr. Linville examined him and issued the certificate. In addition to the public school I went to Mr. Crews to a private school, two months, I think it was. These public schools at Piney Grove were four-months schools. Then I went two months to a splendid woman, Miss Clark. She taught in a little dwelling house in sight of our home on the Brooks Place.

In November, 1878, I entered school at Oak Ridge. J. Allen Holt was the teacher, assisted by one of the Case girls. After Christmas, Martin H. Holt joined in with Allen. It seems to me there were 35 students when I entered this school. At commencement, according to my memory, there were 49 students. I rather think Allen told me that



## STUDENT AT YADKIN COLLEGE

when he taught his first term at Oak Ridge, he had seven students the first day. I graduated at Oak Ridge at the foot of my class, in a class of two, in 1881. Betty Case was the other member of the class.

In August, 1881, I entered Yadkin College. S. Simpson was the president, but he was out most of the fall term collecting money for the new building, which was in course of erection. Professor Baker and Will Gooch did most of the teaching that term. E. E. Raper and I took the courses in the junior class and in the senior class. I worked very hard, but again in a class of two I graduated at the foot of my class. Raper was valedictorian.

In the winter of 1882-1883 I taught in Providence in Randolph County, about five miles north of Randleman. The fall term of 1883 I taught at Oakdale, in Alamance County, for J. A. W. Thompson. Thompson was in bad health and was resting. J. A. Campbell and I did the teaching. Campbell afterwards established the Buie's Creek school, now Campbell College, in Harnett County.

In the spring of 1884 I went with my uncle, Rev. Felix M. Totten, to Nebraska to buy land from the Union Pacific railroad. We went to Sidney Nebras-

## WENT TO KANSAS

ka, but bought no land. My uncle went on to California. I went down to Douglas, Kansas. My father had bought a farm near there a few months before. For a while I boarded with George Dunigan in Douglas. Then I went to Rose Hill, Kansas, and worked on the farm of my uncle, John Scott, until November, 1884, at \$15 a month. From November, 1884-1885, I taught school at Hilton's school house, near Douglas.

In the fall of 1885 I came back to North Carolina, joined the church at Piney Grove, three miles north of Kernersville, where my membership had been until I moved it to Pleasant Hill, Kansas. I helped Dr. C. F. Harris in a meeting at Midway on the Haw River circuit and one at Piney Grove. At the quarterly meeting at Flat Rock I was licensed to preach. At conference at Yadkin College, 1885, I took a circuit, Albemarle circuit, now Creswell circuit. The conference of 1886 I was sent to Spring Church. There were two churches, Spring Church and Lebanon, but Lebanon was locked against us.

Some years before Rev. Mr. Russell was pastor of Spring Church and Greenville circuit. He decided to join the M. E. Church, South. He borrowed most of the disciplines on the circuit. He

## BECOMES A MINISTER 1885

then told the members of all the churches except Spring Church and Philadelphia that the M. P. Church was going down and that he was going to the M. E. Church; that if they did not follow him they would be a flock without a shepherd. The majority in the churches voted to join the M. E. Church. As he was afraid of C. C. Daniel at Spring Church and Washington Pearson at Philadelphia, he did not try to take those two churches. (Brother T. J. Ogburn wrote me that years afterwards he found this same Russel in Arkansas—perhaps it was—trying again to get into the Methodist Protestant Church. Ogburn tried to keep him out. I do not know whether he got back in or not.)

The M. E. Church sent a preacher to these churches. The Virginia Conference of the M. P. Church sent Mr. Leslie to the same churches. Mr. Leslie was locked out. Judge Leo Yarrell, whose father was an M. E. preacher, sent word to the churches which were in Virginia to open the doors to Mr. Leslie, and that if they did not open them he would send a posse of men to open them. Mr. Leslie, having gotten possession, won back the members. But as Lebanon was in North Carolina, Yarrell had no jurisdiction there, and the M. E.'s kept it.

## A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS

The conference that appointed me to Spring Church asked T. T. Hicks to give me legal advice. After I got to the work I went to Mr. Edwards, the M. E. preacher at Garysburg, and talked the matter over with him. He said that he would examine the deed and that if he considered the property ours, he would advise his people to give it up. I heard no more from Mr. Edwards. I wrote to the recorder of deeds (a Negro) at Jackson and got a copy of the deed. It was clearly our property. Hicks said bring suit for possession. Brother C. C. Daniel said, "Do not do it; burst open the door; go in, preach; lock them out; I have no better title than that church title." Hicks said, "Do not do that; which would be the dog in the manger?"

My members would have nothing to do with a suit without Brother Daniel's help; but they were willing to break up the church. One Sunday afternoon we went over to Lebanon to a prayer meeting. I took part in the prayer meeting, by the invitation of the leader. I intended to preach after the prayer meeting closed; but the prayer meeting continued. I then left the prayer meeting, went out in front of the church near the road, and preached from "Fear not, little flock; it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

## BUILDS A CHURCH

I believe was the text. In a day or two I was cited to trial for disturbing religious worship. Jim Daniel went over to Weldon and employed for me Walter Daniel. Daniel was a young lawyer who had never had a case. I was acquitted. Daniel charged me ten dollars. He said that he hated to charge anything, but he needed the money. That trial he said made his success.

The next appointment at Lebanon I found the doors had been forcibly opened. My memory is that that appointment came off before the trial; for I was asked on trial about the opening of those doors. The next appointment I broke in at a window and opened the doors. The doors that year were not again locked. Both preachers, the M. E. and M. P., used the church. The next year Rev. C. A. Pickens, who followed me, brought suit. The judge read the deed and decided for us.

In 1887 I was sent to LaGrange—LaGrange, Hickory Grove, Oak Grove, and Speight's Chapel. The M. E.'s had half interest in Speight's Chapel. It is some 25 miles west of LaGrange; Oak Grove 40 miles east of LaGrange towards Little Washington; Hickory Grove is five miles from LaGrange towards Kinston. Here was another suit in court. It began to look as if I had to go where there was



## MARRIED IN 1891

any litigation. Rev. Mr. Golden—perhaps the name—a Union Baptist preacher, had quit Hickory Grove Church, together with his two other churches.

The Hickory Grove people had come to us, under W. E. Swain's pastorate. Golden had brought suit. The trial did not come up during the year I was there. It was afterwards decided for us—perhaps in that case the title belonged to the society. I found a new church started in LaGrange. The work went right on, with but little effort on my part. At the end of the year the church was completed except for benches and paint. Brother Rhodes and his members that year let us use the M. E. Church.

In 1888 I was sent back to the Albemarle circuit. Needing money that winter, I taught the public school at the Bateman schoolhouse.

In 1889 I went to the Halifax circuit, which I served two years. Here we built a church two miles west of Halifax town. Perhaps it was not quite completed when I left the circuit. This church afterwards became extinct.

In 1891 I had become so tired of courting that Nettie (Jeannettie Frances Barham Daniel, the

## THREE CHILDREN

widow of Henry Mason Daniel) had pity on me and married me. That fall we went to the Mecklenburg circuit, where we stayed three years. There was more litigation. Plyler church, three or four miles from Matthews, had been taken possession of by the M. E.'s. Our people in a quarterly conference had passed a resolution to bring suit for possession, then sell the church to pay the cost of proceedings. They had employed Jones and Tillett, of Charlotte.

The day before the trial the church sent a delegation to me saying that they were willing to return to the M. P.'s. Our people would not stop. The M. E.'s did not appear at court. The judge decided for us. I yet wanted to reorganize our forces there. My people said not, that they must get that cost. I should have gone on and have tried to collect that cost and have held the church; but with the five-cent cotton money then it could hardly be gotten. We sold the church to the Baptists for \$200. They now have a church there.

While I was there our church at Matthews was burned; but though the times were hard we rebuilt. There I worked. At Matthews Roland was born. He came near dying with erysipelas.

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In 1894 I was sent to Greenville and Spring Church circuits. I dreaded to go, for I thought I would not be well received at Lebanon. Soon after I went Lucy Belle was born, at her grandfather Barham's, near Capron, Virginia. Brother Ashburn, my predecessor, had planned to build Gumberry Church. It seemed that while we were at conference all the plans had collapsed. I had to have some money if I pushed the enterprise. Brother Herod Butler mortgaged his farm to borrow \$200, I believe it was, for me to push the building with. He took my note. Before conference I had collected the money and paid off the note.

That year we got the church weatherboarded and covered. (The sawmill afterwards moved away, the village went down, and the church came to naught.) That summer, at Ante, Nettie came near dying of malarial fever. At Lebanon we had a sweeping revival. Sinners seemed to be convicted even in the yard. I had no ministerial help but one sweet sermon from the M. E. preacher, from the text, "God so loved the world." (I have forgotten the preacher's name.) At the Spring Church meeting Judge Barham and about six of his friends brought labor beer to the church grounds. Barham was then county judge in Green-

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ville County, Virginia. I captured the beer. I took out a pocket blank book and asked the judge and his friends their names. The judge and his friends left me without giving their names. I stood there and broke eighteen bottles of beer. Some of my members did not like the way I treated the judge. At conference I was left without work.

In 1895 Brother Bowles, an M. E. preacher, procured for me an eight months' school at Mooresville. John was born at Mooresville.

In 1897 Brother Felix and I got the school at Pilot Mountain. The town felt that Felix was under their employ. The trustees of the M. E. Church employed me. We worked together nicely, and had a good school. That year my family had an amount of sickness. All but me had measles. Roland came near dying of croup.

In 1898 I leased Yadkin College for ten years and stayed there 26 years teaching. Prof. G. W. Holmes was with me one year; brother Felix three years; Miss Lelia Byerly seven years. Others who taught with me at different times during those 26 years at Yadkin College were: Nora Byerly, Cora Totten (music), Ida Byerly, Alma Ferree, George F. Leonard, Myrtie Kiger (shorthand), Kate Dil-

## YADKIN COLLEGE DEBT PAID

linger (music), Hattie Chaffin, Lucy Belle Totten, Bain Michael, Ray Michael, Nobe Koonts, John T. Totten, Lucy Mullinix.

In 1898, in connection with my teaching, I was appointed to the Lexington church and Shiloh. I served this work one year. Another year, in addition to my teaching at Yadkin College, I served the Mocksville circuit; and another year I served the Catawba circuit. I found Rockwell Church dropped from the Catawba circuit. We covered the house and otherwise repaired it and kept up an appointment there that year. Rockwell Church was afterwards burned.

When I went to Yadkin College the building was paid for except about \$321. The conference of 1896 appointed a committee to devise some plan to liquidate that debt. This committee was composed of J. L. Ogburn, W. P. Picket, Rev. W. A. Bunch, and Prof. J. Allen Holt, as I remember. They sold to me the piano for \$100, and leased the property to me for ten years for the rest of the debt, \$221, I think. Then the conference let me keep the property for as long as I would teach there.

The year 1922-23 the Board of Education of the

## RE-ENTERS PASTORATE

N. C. Conference paid towards sustaining the school \$1,000, perhaps it was. High Point College was ready to open and this drew some interest away from Yadkin College. Though the greatest drawback in getting pupils was that the public high schools got much of the material that we would otherwise have gotten. The last year I taught there some friends of the institution made some donations. The first year I had Yadkin College and several years at the last we taught the public school in connection with the high school. This was never satisfactory. There seemed to be two different elements that would not well blend.

Nettie died in July, 1923. In September, 1924, I married Callie Tarkington. In 1924-25 I taught at Union Grove in Iredell County. For two years I had charge of the Union Grove Church, 1924 to 1926.

In 1926 I was sent again to the Mecklenburg circuit.

In 1927 I took charge of the Draper Church and served it three years. Callie died April 7, 1928.

In 1930 I was left without an appointment.

In 1931 I married Ellen Norman Cobb, the widow



## A GREAT CHRISTIAN PASSES

of J. H. Cobb. Since that time we have had two homes, for Ellen and I have spent part of the time at Yadkin College with my sister Cora and my brother Felix, and part of the time at Fairfax, Virginia, with Ellen's children.

### REV. WILLIAM T. TOTTEN, A.B.

Rev. William T. Totten, the oldest son of the late Rev. and Mrs. John H. Totten, was born at the old Totten homestead near Mizpah Methodist Protestant Church in Rockingham County, N. C., on February 13, 1862, and died in the Totten home in Yadkin College on Thanksgiving day, November 26, 1936. At his death his age was 74 years, 9 months and 13 days. He was of a family of four children, two daughters and two sons. One sister died some years ago, the other sister, Miss Cora Totten, and the brother, Rev. J. Felix Totten, survive, both living in the Totten home in Yadkin College. He was of a group of four Methodist ministers in the Totten family.

The father, Rev. John H. Totten, and an uncle, Rev. Felix M. Totten, both of sainted memory, were members of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Protestant Church, while the brother, Rev. J. Felix Totten is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

## SERVED HALF A CENTURY

Rev. W. T. Totten was not only a minister of the gospel in the North Carolina Conference for 51 years, but he was an educator, having taught school at Pilot Mountain, Yadkin College, and at other places in North Carolina. He obtained his education by attending the public schools of his day, then attending Oak Ridge institute and finally graduating at Yadkin College when that institution was a standard college, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was the last of the Methodist Protestant ministers who received and carried a degree from Yadkin College.

In the records of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, it is found that the conference held at Yadkin College in November, 1885, W. T. Totten was admitted and that at the conference held at Henderson, November, 1888, he was ordained. At the same conference when he was admitted he was given work, being assigned to Albemarle circuit (now Creswell charge). The next year, which was just 50 years ago, he was assigned to Lebanon and Spring Church. These two churches had been a part of the Virginia Conference and had asked for pastoral supply from the North Carolina conference. They now constitute a part of the Spring Church charge.

## YADKIN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

At that time there were conditions and circumstances which made the serving of these churches very delicate and which called for the most careful diplomacy, tact, and courage. Through a hoax an unscrupulous preacher had gone to another denomination and had tried to take one of these churches with him, resorting to very unfair and illegal methods. The doors were locked to our people and the young pastor and his people had to conduct services in the yard.

On one occasion when the pastor was on his knees praying a heavy threatening stick was being waved over his head. Under these circumstances it is said by those present that there came from his lips a most beautiful prayer. His fearless courage and wise diplomacy saved the church to our people and those who had shut the building to us were forced by law to unlock the doors and turn the property over to our people, the rightful owners. This is now one of the best churches in this country.

The writer is now pastor of this charge. Beside the two pastorates above mentioned Mr. Totten served Halifax, Albemarle (second pastorate), La Grange, Mecklenburg, and Greenville in the early years of his ministry.

## CONSOLIDATED STATE SCHOOLS

In 1898, when a debt which seemed impossible to be removed was hanging over Yadkin College and when the conference had seemingly made up its mind to withdraw all support from the institution, Professor Totten as we then knew him, was asked to assume responsibilities and take over the work of the school. This he did with courage and undaunted determination. And for 26 years he conducted what was known as Yadkin Collegiate Institute, sending out numbers of young people, some prepared to take their places with credit in other institutions of higher learning and others into the various walks of life qualified to carry on, having been trained at the feet of a capable and untiring instructor and having been inspired by a most noble life.

Now these people are living in many parts of our land, north, south, east and west, lawyers, doctors, teachers, preachers and in the various other departments of life. But all feel greatly indebted to and have a great love for Prof. "Willie" Totten. Not only was he an instructor but he was a good friend. Never was there a boy or girl turned away from the Totten home or the Totten school because of his being too poor or too humble. Never did he have a student but that he could find some good in him.

## THE NEW HIGH POINT COLLEGE

May I be pardoned for saying this but the first two diplomas handed to graduates of Yadkin Collegiate Institute by the hand of Professor Totten are in my home much appreciated and much treasured. The first of these was given to my wife of sainted memory, the only member of his first graduating class, and the other to myself in the second class.

In the year 1924, when the consolidated high school system had become such an important factor in the educational work of the state and when High Point College was about to open its doors to care for the needs of the Methodist Protestant people of the state, the doors of old Yadkin College were closed never to open for school work again. And the man who had for so many years loved this institution and had through it done so much for his fellowman walked out into the world to find some other way by which he could be of service to others. He again offered himself to his conference for ministerial service.

During the years that were to follow he served Union Grove, where he also taught, Mecklenburg, and Draper charges.

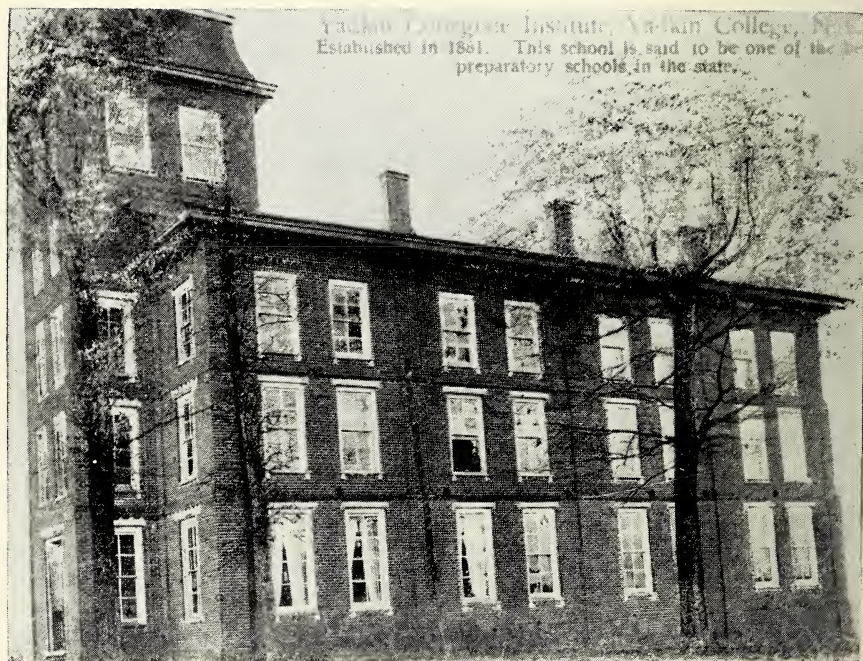
He was married three times. First to Mrs. Nettie





YADKIN COLLEGE FIRST ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1856  
Professor J. Felix Totten standing at door





YADKIN COLLEGE SECOND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1881

## HIGHLY ESTEEMED PASTOR

Barham-Daniel. By this marriage there were three children, all of whom survive. These are Prof. H. R. Totten, of Chapel Hill, N. C.; Mrs. Frank Owen, of Gibsonville, N. C.; and Mr. John T. Totten, of Statesville, N. C. Mrs. Grace Daniel-Walser, the daughter of Mrs. Totten by her former marriage, died some years ago. Mrs. Totten was of Pleasant Hill, N. C., and was a member of Spring Church, one of the churches of the second pastorate of her husband. She died in 1923.

On September 1, 1925, he married Miss Callie Tarkington, of Chowan County, and a member of Rehoboth Church, one of the first churches served by her husband. She died April 7, 1929. The third marriage was to Mrs. Ella Norman-Cobb who still survives. She too was a member of Rehoboth Church where her husband first preached as a young man. (She died in 1938.)

This good man was a good husband and a good father. Indeed he was good to everybody. He was gentle and kind and yet firm and positive, ever ready to take a positive stand for the good and the right. His virtues and good qualities were of the type that were lasting. Once to know him and to love him was to love him continually.

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Those to whom he preached and with whom he lived in the eastern part of the state 50 years ago remember him and love him still. His piety was never doubted or questioned. His devotion to his God was never forgotten or neglected. When because of the toils of life he had become weary and weak, the end rapidly approaching, when his words could scarcely be any more heard, his last were, "It is getting dark, it is time to have prayer."

Soon after these fine and characteristic words were uttered, so much like the man, so much like the life he so nobly lived—his great soul left the frail body, weakened by time and labor, and went to the God who gave it.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In the Yadkin College Methodist Protestant Church on the afternoon of November 28, in the presence of neighbors, friends and loving relatives gathered from the different parts of the state the funeral was conducted. Many of those present were former students of the deceased. The services were in charge of Rev. S. W. Taylor, D.D., who was

## REV. GEORGE L. CURRY

assisted by Rev. O. B. Michael, Th.D., of the Reformed Church, and the writer.

All three of the ministers taking part in the funeral had received a part of their training in the school of the deceased. After the funeral as the sun was hanging over the old College Hill where Professor Totten had spent so many years of his life, the body was gently laid to rest in the Yadkin College cemetery which is located on one of the beautiful hills of the community. Our pilot had left us. His body had been committed to mother earth but his soul was resting with God in perfect peace.

You are not dead—Life has but set you free!  
Your years of life were like a lovely song,  
The last sweet poignant notes of which, held long,  
Passed into silence while we listened, we  
Who loved you, listened still expectantly!  
And we about you whom you moved among  
Would feel that grief for you were surely wrong—  
You have but passed beyond where we can see.

For us who knew you, dread of age is passed!  
You took life, tiptoe, to the very last;  
It never lost for you its lovely look;  
You kept your interest in its thrilling book;  
To you, death came, no conqueror, in the end,

You merely smiled to greet another friend.

A former student who learned to love him and who feels greatly indebted to him. *Geo. L. Curry.*

1. 1937 Minutes Protestant Herald.

## DIPLOMA GRADUATES

### CHAPTER XXI

#### GRADUATES UNDER W. T. TOTTEN

Those who graduated while W. T. Totten had charge of Yadkin Collegiate Institute. (Submitted in 1934):

Aaron, Charlotte .....	1924	Fitzgerald, Joseph W.....	1914
Ader, Otis Lado .....	1919	Fritz, Hoke Alonzo.....	1920
Ader, Orah .....	1922	Garrett, Ruby D. ....	1900
Byerly, Ida .....	1903	Garrett, Ila .....	1903
Byerly, Edward C. ....	1904	Greene, Carl Delmont....	1910
Byerly, Tullia .....	1901	Greene, Garland V. ....	1910
Byerly, Gerla Donna ....	1905	Greene, Mary Lee.....	1910
Byerly, Marshal Paul ....	1917	Hartley, Samuel G. ....	1910
Byerly, Eva Virginia ....	1922	Hartley, Mabel .....	1911
Byerly, Rebecca Ellen....	1920	Hartley, Helen .....	1917
Byerly, Wesley Grimes	1915	Hege, Joseph Harvey....	—
Craver, Harvey Oscar....	1906	Hege, Raymond .....	1920
Craver, Cleveland .....	1907	Hinkle, Henry Grady....	1907
Chaffin, Hattie Pearl....	1911	Hinkle, Rosa .....	1912
Chaffin, Stacy Hanes.....	1915	Hinkle, Ada Lavonia....	1914
Nannie Lou Chaffin .....	1918	Hoover, Henry .....	1915
Charles, Annie Folsome	1911	Hunter, William S. ....	1902
Charles, Eloise .....	1915	Kiger, Myrtie .....	1912
Clodfelter, Japhia .....	1903	Koontz, John Harrison	1910
Curry, George L. ....	1901	Koontz, Hoyle .....	1915
Dale, Glenna Arlean ....	1905	Koontz, Nobe Ray .....	1922
Dale, Gilmer Hartley....	1910	Koontz, Curtis Lee.....	1914
Evans, Paul F. ....	1914	Koontz, Lessie Viola....	1922
Evans, W. Lafayette ....	1904	Leonard, James C. ....	1905
Evans, Harvey Luther....	1914	Leonard, Charles Riley	1914
Evans, Howard .....	1916	Leonard, Willie Ernest	1914
Fitzgerald, James Boyd	1914	Leonard, H. Luther.....	1909



## QUALITY GRADUATES

Leonard, George F.....	1902	Owen, Esther .....	1912
Leonard, Samuel E.....	1906	Orrell, Essie Elmira.....	1907
Leonard, Grady Hill.....	1916	Owen, Lucy .....	1916
Leonard, Jessie .....	1917	Pickle, Mary .....	1922
Leonard, Shelly .....	1917	Phillips, Otis Odell.....	1921
Link, Exie .....	1912	Reece, Nellie Esther.....	1905
Hartley, Hope Bernice	1924	Stowe, Georgia.....	1900
Michael, Olin Bain.....	1915	Shoaf, Lizzie T. ....	1923
Michael, Maud .....	1916	Sink, Lena .....	1917
Michael, Woolrich .....	1916	Taylor, Samuel W.....	1901
Michael, I. R. ....	1919	Taylor, Howard .....	1922
Michael, Arlin .....	1923	Totten, Henry Roland.....	1909
Michael, Ira .....	1921	Totten, Lucy Belle.....	1910
Mullinix, Lucy .....	1923	Totten, John Thomas.....	1915
Perriman, Mamie .....	1922	Wagner, Roby Lee.....	1907
Pickle, Roy Lee .....	1919	Williamson, J. T., Jr.	
Owen, Carl J. ....	1903	or Roy .....	1901
Owen, Kate Lea .....	1905	Williamson, Julius C.....	1910
Owen, Mansfield .....	1904	Williamson, John G.....	1914
Owen, Frank Redding	1910		

## CHAPTER XXII

### THE COMMENCEMENT

MR. ED. L. GREENE, B.S., '80, who spent about all but his childhood days in the village of Yadkin College, says: "I can remember when nearly 10,000 people attended the annual commencements of Yadkin College."

During all of the history of Yadkin College these were years when a college commencement was universally considered one of the most important and spectacular assemblies of all occasions. It was always highly regarded as an academic occasion and was thus honored by the public in esteem and in attendance.

Only Yadkin College held a commencement within at least a forty mile radius, Davidson College being located on the south, and Trinity College on the east.

Music on commencement day was usually furnished by a large concert band. In the earlier days sometimes a string band was used. For probably a quarter of a century the noted "Enterprise Band" furnished music for the annual Yadkin College commencement. Music, declamations or orations by students, and a visiting speaker who delivered the

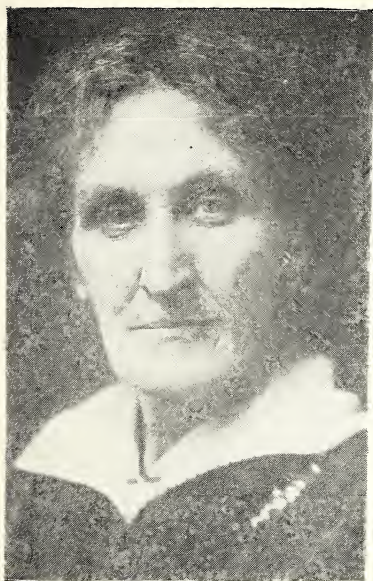
## ORATIONS

"Literary Address" was the usual order of the commencement program.

But probably the most interesting feature of the Yadkin College commencement was the speaking of declamations or orations during the morning exercises, by thoroughly trained young men.

In those days the young men who had been selected by the two Literary Societies to speak on commencement day were mature in age and well physically developed. Consequently some of the most eloquent orators of any college age prepared and delivered speeches at Yadkin College. Public speaking was a specialty at Yadkin College during its entire history! For weeks and months the commencement speakers would practice and work with zeal, energy and interest on their declamations or orations in preparation for commencement day. No wonder the public came from miles away to hear these young orators!

The heroes of the student body were those half dozen who won academic, debater's or orator's medals. The Henry Walser Commencement Medal was the most coveted medal awarded. A boy or girl would rather win a Yadkin College medal than



*The Late Beloved*  
MRS. W. T. TOTTEN



LUCY BELLE TOTTEN OWEN  
(MRS. F. R.)

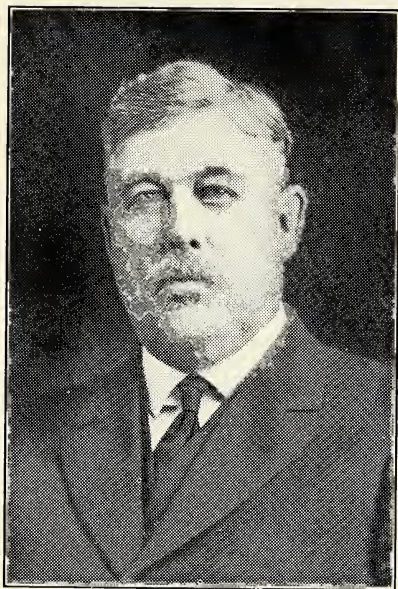


PROF. JOHN T. TOTTEN



PROF. H. ROWLAND TOTTEN,  
Ph.D.  
*University of North Carolina*





REV. PROF. GEORGE W. HOLMES  
A.B.

*President, 1890-99*



SUPT. JAMES E. HOLMES



SUPT. JOHN ALBERT HOLMES



SUPT. RALPH W. HOLMES

## HENRYS AND WEBSTERS

receive a thousand dollars during those days of intense interest in public speaking and college commencements, it is said. The public was about as interested in finding out who the annual winners of medals were as the students themselves. Yadkin College produced young Patrick Henrys and Daniel Websters!

The colorful regalias of the marshalls and managers, students selected from the two Literary Societies, the systematic arrangement of the program by those delivering speeches and addresses, and the dignified manner of the President or other educators in presenting the medals, prizes and diplomas cannot be compared with the modern college. This was a time when education was honored. It made its contribution and inspired citizens to vote at a later day for universal education.

Yadkin College was fortunate in having one of the best college auditoriums in the state especially adapted for commencement programs which the public always greatly appreciated.

Dr. E. M. Coultre, University of Georgia, says, in his book, "College Life in the Old South," The college commencement in the ante-bellum days



## 1893 COMMENCEMENT

(and afterwards), was itself an institution in the state. It had its attractions for the educators, the politicians and statesmen, for the business men, the farmers and the planters, for the poor whites, and the slaves, for the fine ladies and gallant gentlemen, for the giddy girls and the foppish dandies. It was an educational, political, and social force of no little influence.”—P. 192.

### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMMES

#### 1893 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup>

May 18, 1893

10:00 A. M.

#### MUSIC

Patriot and Patriotism ..... C. D. Peebles  
Show Tyself a Man ..... G. L. Reynolds

#### MUSIC

The Press ..... C. J. Taylor

#### MUSIC

Appomattox ..... A. J. Thompson  
Reformed Generalship ..... S. W. Taylor

#### MUSIC

Truth Triumphant ..... C. E. Forlines  
Knowledge ..... W. O. Davis

#### MUSIC

The World's Future ..... H. S. B. Thompson

## 1899 COMMENCEMENT

### MUSIC

Literary Address ..... A. H. Eller, Esq.

### MUSIC

Presentation of Medals.

Social Gathering at 8 o'clock P. M.

Next term opens August 21, 1893.

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## 1899 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

10:00 A. M.

### MUSIC

Invocation ..... Rev. J. R. Savage

### MUSIC

Two Roads ..... James C. Leonard

Art and Nature ..... Hulbert U. Oakes

### MUSIC

Ney's Last Charge ..... P. D. Finch

The Responsibility of American Statesmen

..... A. L. Leonard

### MUSIC

National Unity ..... A. H. Evans, Jr.

Life and Character of Z. B. Vance..Ruby D. Garrett

### MUSIC

Opinion Stronger than Armies ..... S. E. Lucas

Strength of the United States Against Decay

..... George L. Curry

## 1900 COMMENCEMENT

NOON

MUSIC

2:00 P. M.

Literary Address ..... Rev. T. M. Johnson

MUSIC

Presentation of Medals.

MUSIC

Social Gathering, 8 o'clock P. M.

Fall Term Begins August 7, 1899.

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## 1900 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM YADKIN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

May, 1900

10:00 A. M.

MUSIC

Invocation

MUSIC

The Henry Walser Declaimer's Contest.

MUSIC

Roby L. Wagner C. Lemel Clodfelter

J. T. Williamson, Jr.

A. L. Leonard Japhia Clodfelter

MUSIC

Young America ..... John Yokely

A Southern Hero ..... G. F. Leonard

## 1901 COMMENCEMENT

### MUSIC

One Life Only ..... George L. Curry

### MUSIC

Indifference ..... S. W. Taylor

True Greatness the Demand of the Present

..... E. E. Zink

Graduating Essays ..... Georgia Stowe

## INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

### MUSIC

Delivery of Medals ..... Presentation of Diplomas

Literary Address ..... Rev. W. W. Bays, D.D.

Salisbury, N. C.

### MUSIC

8 o'clock Sociable.

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## 1901 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 21, 1901

10:00 A. M.

### MUSIC

Prayer.

Declamations.

Effort and Knowledge

Arthur L. Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

## 'SOUTHERN CHIVALRY'

Duty of Literary Men to America

Carl J. Owen ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

The Hand of God in History

Arthur P. Myers ..... Reeds, N. C.

Reformed Generalship

Samuel W. Taylor ..... Yadkin College

The New South

W. Lee Eddinger ..... High Point, N. C.

More Sublimity of Beauty

D. Simeon Siceloff ..... Midway, N. C.

The Three Dearest Names

Albert H. Evans, Jr. .... Lexington, N. C.

Immortality of American Liberty

Charles E. Ader ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

Southern Chivalry

Japhia Clodfelter ..... Hanes, N. C.

The Barbarian Invasion

Ruby D. Garrett ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

Opposition

J. T. Williamson, Jr. .... Yadkin College, N. C.

### MUSIC

### > INTERMISSION

2 o'clock P. M. .... Music

Literary Address

Hon. Zeb V. Walser ..... Lexington, N. C.

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas.



## 1905 COMMENCEMENT

### MUSIC

8 o'clock P. M. .... Social Entertainment  
Announcement: August 20, 1901, Opening of Fall  
Term.

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### 1905 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 30, 1905

10 o'clock A. M.

### MUSIC

Declamations.

I Still Live

Carl S. Moton ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

### MUSIC

The True Aim of Life

H. Rowland Totten ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

### MUSIC

Every Rose Has a Thorn

Roby L. Wagoner ..... Lexington, N. C.

### MUSIC

Wrecks and Ruins of Time

Charles B. Broadway ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

### MUSIC

The Scattered Nation

Harvey Craver ..... Enterprise, N. C.

### MUSIC

The Hand of God in History

Samuel E. Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

# THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

## MUSIC

The Motto of the Twentieth Century

N. L. Evans ..... Lexington, N. C.

## MUSIC

Theses by Class of 1905.

Happiness

Gerla Byerly ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

## MUSIC

Home

Glenna Arlean Dale ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

## MUSIC

True Womanhood

Nellie Reece ..... High Point, N. C.

## MUSIC

Poetry

Kate Lea Owen ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

## MUSIC

## INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

## MUSIC

Literary Address

Hon. Jacob Stewart, Esq. ..... Mocksville, N. C.

## MUSIC

Awarding of Medals.

Presentation of Diplomas.

## MUSIC

## 1906 COMMENCEMENT

8 o'clock P. M. .... Social Entertainment  
Announcement: Opening of Fall Term, September 5, 1905.

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### 1906 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 29, 1906

#### MUSIC

Invocation.

#### MUSIC

America, the Realization of a Divine Idea

Charles B. Broadway ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

#### MUSIC

America, Her Glory and Her Shame

Carl S. Moten ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

#### MUSIC

Heroes of the Land of Penn

W. Mansfield Owen ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

#### MUSIC

There Is Always Room at the Top

Odell L. Thompson ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

#### MUSIC

The Crushed Flower

H. Luther Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

#### MUSIC

Life

H. Rowland Totten ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

REV. C. E. FORLINES, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D.

MUSIC

Beyond Crossing Scimiters Lies Paradise

Cleveland Craver ..... Enterprise, N. C.

MUSIC

The Law of Reform

Roby L. Wagner ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Oration: Love

Samuel E. Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Oration: America, the Guiding Star of Nations

Harvey O. Craver ..... Enterprise, N. C.

MUSIC

INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

Literary Address

Rev. C. E. Forlines ..... Westminster, Md.

MUSIC

Presentation of Diplomas.

Presentation of Medals.

MUSIC

8:00 P. M.

Lecture on Japan

Rev. J. W. Frank, a returned Missionary

## 1908 COMMENCEMENT

Social Gathering.

Opening of the Fall Term on September 3, 1906.

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### 1908 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 28, 1908

10:00 A. M.

Music

Prayer

Music

Stonewall Jackson ..... Bruce Daniel Iles

Music

Beyond the Alps Lies Sunny Italy

..... Garland Vestal Greene

Music

Our Destiny ..... John Harrison Koontz

Music

True Grandeur of Nations.....John Banks Leonard

Music

Death of Lafayette.....Henry Grady Hinkle

Music

Shadows on the Mirror.....H. Luther Leonard

Music

The Source of True Greatness....H. Rowland Totten

Music

### INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.



## 1909 COMMENCEMENT

Music

Literary Address

Music

Presentation of Prizes and Medals

Music

8:00 P. M. .... Sociable

The next Session will begin on September 1, 1908

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## 1909 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 27, 1909

10:00 A. M.

Music

Invocation

Modern Barbarians.....Vance Stockard Garrett

Music

A Southern Hero

Clarence Stewart ..... High Point, N. C.

Music

The Old North State Forever

W. Mansfield Owen ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

Music

The Divine in Nature

Frank R. Owen ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

Music

Mother, Gird My Soul Around Me

John H. Koontz ..... Lexington, N. C.

## J. NORMAN WILLS SPEAKER

Music

Our Republic

Garland V. Greene ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

Music

The Chivalry and Tradition of the South

Joe H. Hege ..... Enterprise, N. C.

Music

Life and Its Vicissitudes, An Oration

J. Carr Williamson ..... Lexington, N. C.

Music

Fraternalism

H. Rowland Totten ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

Music

Abraham Lincoln

H. Grady Hinkle ..... Lexington, N. C.

Music

The College, the Training Camp of the Future

H. Luther Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

Music

## INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

Literary Address

J. Norman Wills ..... Greensboro, N. C.

Presentation of Prize and Diplomas

8:00 P. M. .... Entertainment

Fall Session will open on September 6, 1909

# 1910 COMMENCEMENT

## 1910 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 31, 1910

10:00 A. M.

MUSIC

Invocation

MUSIC

Declamation

Knowledge ..... Mamie Peebles Chambliss

MUSIC

Declamation

Our Destiny ..... John H. Koontz

MUSIC

Oration—We Part on the Old Yadkin Hills

..... Gilmer Hartley Dale

MUSIC

Oration—Our Need, the Need of the Age

..... Frank Redding Owen

MUSIC

Oration—What Ought and Should Rule and Guide

Us ..... Julian Carr Williamson

MUSIC

Essay—Home and Its Memories....Mary Lee Greene

MUSIC

Essay—Sincerity ..... Lucy Belle Totten

MUSIC

INTERMISSION

## 1911 COMMENCEMENT

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

Literary Address

Hon. Emery E. Raper ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas

MUSIC

8:30 P. M. .... Entertainment

Next Term begins September 5, 1910.

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## 1911 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 25, 1911

MUSIC

Invocation

MUSIC

Henry Walser Contest

MUSIC

The Patriot's Call to Duty

James Boyd Fitzgerald ..... Linwood, N. C.

MUSIC

The Mothers of Men

Willie Earnest Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Our Country's Call for Men

Charles Riley Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

## TWO GRADUATES

Mental Monument

Paul Eugene Hines ..... Old Town, N. C.

A Southern Hero

Vance S. Garrett ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

MUSIC

Dixie's Dead in Kennesaw's Shadow

W. Mansfield Owen ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

Graduating Theses: Friendship

Anne Falsome Charles .... Yadkin College, N. C.

MUSIC

A Good Character

Hattie Pearl Chaffin ..... Calahahn, N. C.

MUSIC

### NOON RECESS

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

Literary Address

Rev. G. F. Milloway ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

MUSIC

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas

MUSIC

8:30 P. M. .... Entertainment

Fall Term will begin September 5, 1911

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1912 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 23, 1912

# 1912 COMMENCEMENT

10:00 A. M.

MUSIC

Invocation

MUSIC

Henry Walser Contest

True Greatness the Demand of the Present

Harvey Lee Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Pompeii

Joseph Washington Fitzegarld .... Linwood, N. C.

MUSIC

The Call of Duty

Charlie Riley Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

The Surrender of Robert E. Lee

Vance S. Garrett ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

MUSIC

The Mothers of Men

Willie Earnest Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

My Mother! My Country! My God!

James Boyd Fitzgerald ..... Linwood, N. C.

MUSIC

Graduating Theses



## 1913 COMMENCEMENT

### Truth

Exie Rea Link ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

### Pleasures of School Life

Julia Esther Owen ..... Yadkin College, N. C.

MUSIC

### Cheerfulness

Rosa Alma Hinkle ..... Welcome, N. C.

MUSIC

### The Influence of Association

Myrtie Lucy Kiger ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

### Literary Address

George L. Curry ..... Graham, N. C.

MUSIC

### Presentation of Grade Prize, Medals and Diplomas

MUSIC

8:30 P. M.—Play ..... Old Maids' Conference

Males over twelve charged twenty-five cents

Fall Term will begin September 3, 1912

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## 1913 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 21, 1913

10:00 A. M.

## M. S. C. NOBLE SPEAKER

MUSIC

Invocation

MUSIC

The Henry Walser Speaker's Contest

Harvey L. Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Curtis L. Koontz ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

John Grady Williamson ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

James B. Fitzgerald ..... Linwood, N. C.

MUSIC

Willie Earnest Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Charlie Riley Leonard ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Joseph W. Fitzgerald ..... Linwood, N. C.

MUSIC

Harvey L. Evans ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Paul F. Evans ..... Enterprise, N. C.

MUSIC

INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

## 1914 COMMENCEMENT

### Literary Address

Professor M. C. S. Noble ..... Chapel Hill, N. C.

MUSIC

### Presentation of Grade Prize and Medals

MUSIC

8:00 P. M.—Play..... “Ten Nights in a Barroom”

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## 1914 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 21, 1914

10:00 A. M.

MUSIC

### Invocation

MUSIC

### The Cuban Refugee

Grady Lee Zimmerman ..... Enterprise, N. C.

MUSIC

### Education in the South

Olin Bain Michael ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

### The Lost Soul

James Boyd Fitzgerald ..... Linwood, N. C.

MUSIC

### Kindness, a Jewel Rare

John Grady Williamson ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

## 1914 CLASS MOTTO

The Duty of the South to the Country Boy

..... Charlie Riley Leonard

MUSIC

America, the Prince of Peace

Harvey Lee Evans ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

The Night Brings Out the Stars

Curtis Lee Koontz ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

The World's Best Gift

Joseph Washington Fitzgerald .... Linwood, N. C.

MUSIC

Mothers of Men

Paul Franklin Evans ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Thesis: Tenderness, the Hearts Desire

Ada Lavinia Hinkle ..... Welcome, N. C.

MUSIC

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

Literary Address

Rev. W. T. Thompson ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas

MUSIC

Class Motto ..... Vincit Omnia Veritas

## 1915 COMMENCEMENT

Class Colors ..... Red and White  
8:30 P. M. .... Entertainment  
Admission Fee for Men and Boys over 15 years  
25 cents.  
Fall Term begins September 8, 1914.

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### 1915 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 25, 1915

10:00 A. M.

Invocation

MUSIC

True Greatness, the Demand of the Present  
.....John Henry Sink

MUSIC

The Home in the Government.....Lonnie Craver

MUSIC

The Southern Hero.....O. M. Craver

MUSIC

Our Honored Dead.....Howard Lee Evans

The Rural School a Great Necessity  
.....Olin Bain Michael

MUSIC

Pompeii.....Hoyle K. Koontz

MUSIC

The New South.....Grimes Byerly

## 1916 COMMENCEMENT

### MUSIC

Making Education Fit the Farmers Need

.....Henry Hoover

### MUSIC

Opportunity.....Stacey Hanes Chaffin

### MUSIC

Thesis: Art and Photography.....Eloise Charles

## INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

### MUSIC

Literary Address

M. H. Stacey, A.M. .... Chapel Hill, N. C.

### MUSIC

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas

### MUSIC

8:00 P. M. .... Entertainment

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## 1916 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 25, 1916

10:00 A. M.

### MUSIC

Invocation

### MUSIC



## 1917 COMMENCEMENT

Mother and Home ..... Marshall Paul Byerly

MUSIC

Americanism ..... Shelly Walter Leonard

MUSIC

Our Century's Achievements

.....Asa Wooldrich Michael

MUSIC

Robert E. Lee ..... Grady Hill Leonard

MUSIC

Oration: America's Vital Problems

..... Olin Bain Michael

MUSIC

America and the Prince of Peace

..... Howard Lee Evans

INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

Literary Address ..... Hon. A. A. Hicks, Oxford

MUSIC

Presentation of Diplomas and Medals

MUSIC

8:00 P. M.—Play ..... Twelfth Night

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## 1917 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 17, 1917

10:00 A. M.



HON. H. THOMAS PHILLIPS, A.B.  
*President, 1867-1870*  
*Superintendent of Schools*  
*Davidson County*  
*Clerk of Court*



DEAN H. B. PHILLIPS,  
 Ph.D., LL.D.  
*Massachusetts Tech*



HON. WADE H. PHILLIPS  
*State Senators*



MISSES ESTHER, KATE LEE  
AND LUCY OWEN

## WORLD WAR CLASS

### MUSIC

Invocation

### MUSIC

Henry Walser Contest

The Destruction of Carthage .... Lawrence E. Lanier

### MUSIC

Theory Against Practice ..... Roy Lee Pickle

### MUSIC

The New Meaning of Education

..... Irvine Rea Michael

### MUSIC

Our Nation Awaits the Light

..... Marshall Paul Byerly

### MUSIC

The Divine in Nature ..... Shelly Walter Leonard

### MUSIC

## INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

### MUSIC

Literary Address

Rev. J. C. Leonard, D.D. .... Lexington, N. C.

### MUSIC

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas

### MUSIC

8:00 P. M.—Play

Admission: Men 25 cents. Boys under 15 years,

## 1919 COMMENCEMENT

15 cents. Ladies free.

### CLASS ROLL

Marshall Paul Byerly                      Jessie Ada Leonard  
Shelly Walter Leonard              Lena Sink Warner  
Fall Term begins on September 4, 1917.

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## 1919 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 29, 1919

10:00 A. M.

### MUSIC

Invocation

### MUSIC

Why the Tide Was Fated to Turn

..... Rufus Paul Franklin Perrell

### MUSIC

Just Before the Tide Turned

..... William Ashby Broadway

### MUSIC

The Turning of the Tide ..... Hoke Alonzo Fritts

### MUSIC

The Tide of Peace ..... Oliver Cletus Koontz

### MUSIC

Christian Young Men of America

..... Ira Dow Michael

### MUSIC

The Invisible Hand ..... Raymond Webster Hege

## 1921 COMMENCEMENT

MUSIC

A War in Heaven and on Earth ..... Otis Lado Ader

MUSIC

A War in Heaven and on Earth (continued)

..... Roy Lee Pickle

MUSIC

INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

Literary Address

Hon. T. T. Hicks ..... Henderson, N. C.

MUSIC

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas

MUSIC

8:00 P. M.—Play

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## 1921 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 12, 1921

10:30 A. M.

MUSIC

Invocation

MUSIC

Success ..... Ollie James Amon

MUSIC

The Voyage of Life ..... Cletus Anderson Phillips

MUSIC



## 1922 COMMENCEMENT

True Greatness, the Demand of the Present

..... Hoke Alonzo Fritts

MUSIC

Grit and What It Will Do.....Zenobia Ray Koontz

MUSIC

The Ruins of Ages ..... Ira Dow Michael

MUSIC

'Tis Not All Gold that Glitters

..... Otis Odell Phillips

MUSIC

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

Literary Address

Rev. George R. Brown, D.D. .... High Point, N. C.

MUSIC

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas

MUSIC

8:30 P. M.—Play ..... Josiah's Courtship

Admissions 25 cents

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## 1922 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 4, 1922

10:30 A. M.

MUSIC

Invocation

MUSIC

## REV. J. W. FITZGERALD SPEAKER

What Is Home Without a Mother?

..... Jacob Leonard Michael

MUSIC

Our Aim, Success, Our Hope to Win

..... Albert Arlin Michael

MUSIC

Good Citizenship the Aim of Education

..... Zenobian Ray Koontz

MUSIC

Character Sketches ..... Ora Lee Ader

MUSIC

Class Prophecy ..... Howard Foard Taylor

MUSIC

Last Will and Testament .... Minnie Alice Perryman

MUSIC

Valedictorian: Launched, Where Shall We Anchor?

..... Hoke Alonzo Fritts

MUSIC

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

Literary Address

Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald ..... Santiago De Cuba

MUSIC

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas

MUSIC

## 1923 COMMENCEMENT

8:30—Play ..... The Little Clodhopper  
Entrance to Play 25 cents

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### 1923 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

May 17, 1923

10:00 A. M.

MUSIC

Invocation

MUSIC

The Walser Contest

MUSIC

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address....Julius Gray Hobbs

MUSIC

Climb, Though the Way Be Rugged

..... Earnest Jackson Parrell

MUSIC

The Touch of Nature ..... Lee Arvel Hobbs

MUSIC

We Have Cross the Bay; the Ocean Lies Before Us

..... Clarence Paul Miller

MUSIC

Class Exercises

MUSIC

The Flapper's Viewpoint of a Flapper

..... Lucy Lenorah Mullinix

MUSIC

## 1924 LAST COMMENCEMENT

Class Poem ..... Lessie Viola Koontz

MUSIC

Valedictory ..... Lizzie Thelma Shoaf

MUSIC

Class Song

MUSIC

INTERMISSION

2:00 P. M.

MUSIC

Literary Address

Rev. W. L. Hutchins ..... Lexington, N. C.

MUSIC

Presentation of Medals and Diplomas

MUSIC

8:00 P. M.—Play ..... Just Plain Folks

Admission Twenty-Five Cents

1. Original Programme.

## CHAPTER XXIII

### THE TOWN CHARTER

THE VILLAGE OR town of Yadkin College was chartered in 1873 and given the legal right to elect a Mayor, a Board of Aldermen, a Police and other necessary officers. The charter is still effective though no election has been held for a number of years. The last officers elected are legally still in office, it is said. Mr. Ed. L. Green was the last Mayor elected.<sup>1</sup>

The names of the men who have served as Mayor of the town of Yadkin College are as follows:

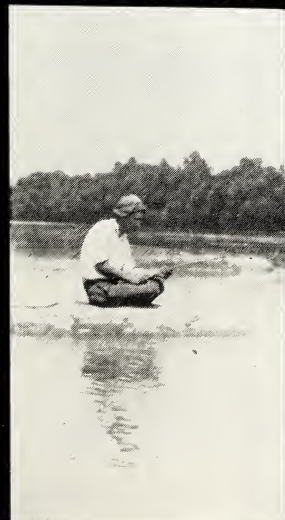
Henry Walser, Gaither Walser, J. Sanford Phillips, H. Bently Owen, W. L. Thompson, and Ed. L. Green.

A Post Office was established at Yadkin College during the Civil War period. The names of those who have been Post Masters of Yadkin College are:

J. T. Williamson, H. T. Phillips, Miss Mattie Phillips, Mrs. W. L. Thompson, Mrs. Lucy N. Oakes, Mrs. Lizzie V. Benson, Mrs. Hiram Holder, Mrs. Flora Dale, Miss Lillian Thompson, M. F. Phillips, and Carl D. Greene.

Policemen: P. C. Oakes, W. W. Fuller, Charles







1. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Totten.
2. Mrs. H. Rowland Totten and Friends.
3. Norman Owen and Friend, Yadkin River.
4. Misses Mabel and Helen Hartley,  
Frank R. Owen and Sisters.
5. Daniel's Church, 1786, the Author  
Building with Stone, 1937.
6. Mr. John T. Totten  
Fishing on Historic Yadkin River.
7. Miss Ruth Owen at Home Coming.

A. Taylor, D. W. Phillips, A. W. Watkins, and W. A. Self.

Ministers: Rev. Alson W. Gray, D.D., Rev. R. R. Hanner, D.D., Rev. T. T. Ferree, Rev. R. R. Michaux, D.D., Rev. S. Simpson, Ph.D., D.D., Rev. J. N. Garrett, Rev. W. T. Totten, Rev. F. T. Totten, and Rev. Lowe.

In the M. P. Parsonage: Rev. J. H. Stowe, Rev. N. M. Woodlin, Rev. A. H. Bryan, Rev. H. L. Powell, and Rev. John Moton.

1. Mayor Ed L. Greene and Postmaster Carl D. Greene.

## CHAPTER XXIV

### MEDALS

GOLD MEDALS were offered each Commencement at Yadkin College for the best speakers in Declamation, Recitation, Debating and Oration delivery. The medals were usually large and beautiful which inspired students and graduates to put forth a strong effort to win. After Professor W. T. Totten became head of Yadkin College, Z. V. Walser and Z. I. Walser jointly gave each year to the best speaker a medal which was named "The Henry Walser Medal" in honor of their grandfather, the Honorable Henry Walser, the founder of the college. Some of the students who won this medal were:<sup>1</sup>

#### HENRY WALSER COMMENCEMENT MEDAL

Ruby D. Garrett, Japhia Clodfelter, James C. Leonard, Charles B. Broadway, N. L. Evans, Harvey O. Craver, H. Luther Leonard, Cleveland Craver, Frank R. Owen, J. Car Williamson, Vance S. Garrett, William Mansfield Owen, Willie E. Leonard, Charlie R. Leonard, Howard L. Evans, Grady H. Leonard, Ira Dow Michael, Marshall Paul Byerly, Roy L. Pickle, Zenobian R. Koontz, Hoke L. Fritz and Clarence Paul Miller. George L. Curry won one year.

## WINNERS OF MEDALS

### DEBATER'S MEDAL

The Ciceronian Literary Society gave a medal to the best debater during the year. Some of the students who won this medal were Carl Greene, John H. Koontz, Vance Garrett, Paul F. Evans, Stacey Chaffin, Harry O. Craver and John T. Totten.

The Clark Literary Society gave a Debater's Medal on the same merits. Some of the students who won the Clark Debater's Medal were: G. L. Curry, C. R. Leonard, O. B. Michael, A. W. Michael, W. E. Leonard, H. L. Evans. The Clark Society also gave a Declaimer's Medal a number of years in a contest held at night during commencement week. Some of the winners were John H. Sink, Howard L. Evans, Raymond Sink and Harvey L. Leonard.

### THE TARKINGTON MEDAL

This medal was given to the best all around student including Department. Some of the students who won this medal were: Myrtie Kiger, Hattie Chaffin, J. B. Fitzgerald, Maud Michael, O. B. Michael, Royal Leonard, and others.

### THE GRADE PRIZE

The faculty a number of years gave a prize to

## CONTEST FOR GIRLS

the student who made the highest average grade during each school year. Winners of this prize were Esther Owen, Kate Lee Owen, Gerla Byerly, Harvey Craver, Stacey Chaffin, Grady H. Leonard, Roy Pickle, Lizzie Thelma Shoaf, I. R. Michael, Paul Byerly, and Paul Evans.

### RECITATION MEDAL

On the evening before Commencement a Recitation Contest was usually held for girls. Some who won the Recitation Medal were Esther Owen, Lucy Owen, Helen Zimmerman, Mabel Hartley, Lizzie Shoaf, Rebecca Byerly and Virginia Byerly.

1. Faculty Notes.

## CHAPTER XXV

### THE PRODUCTS OF YADKIN COLLEGE

THE PRODUCTS OF Yadkin College have made contributions to the Church and State in various ways. It is impossible to list the names of all of the alumni who attended this institution during the last three quarters of a century. However, a few of the prominent are listed below:<sup>1</sup>

#### UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN

William C. Hammer.

#### STATE SENATORS

Zeb V. Vance, Wade H. Phillips, and S. L. Owen.

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Zeb V. Walser.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Zeb V. Walser. He was also slated for the secretaryship of the Navy if Theodore Roosevelt would have been elected in 1912, it is said.

#### SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

H. T. Phillips, Davidson County; E. E. Raper, Davidson County; Paul F. Evans, M.A., Davidson County; J. Y. Joyner, LL.D., was born at Yadkin College and became State Superintendent of Public Instructions; W. C. Hammer, Randolph County.



## SEMINARY PRESIDENT

### CLERKS OF COURT

H. T. Phillips, and E. C. Byerly.

### COLLEGE PROFESSORS OR INSTRUCTORS

George S. Wills, Ph.D., Western Maryland College; Charles E. Forlines, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D., Western Maryland College; H. B. Phillips, Ph.D., LL.D., Massachusetts School of Technology; H. R. Totten, Ph.D., University of North Carolina; O. B. Michael, Th.D.; Alexander Baker, A.B.; Zeno H. Dixon, A.B., A.M.; I. Jewell Simpson, Ph.D., and Lucy Belle Totten Owen, A.B. (Mrs. F. R.).

### PRESIDENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

Charles E. Forlines, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D., Westminster Theological Seminary, Maryland.  
PRESIDENT OF STATE CONFERENCE OF METHODIST

### PROTESTANT CHURCH

Rev. Samuel W. Taylor, D.D.

### BANKERS

Thomas Byerly, William J. Byerly, Henry T. Link, Gurley Link, and J. T. Williamson, Jr.

### DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

Lucy Owen English (Mrs. J. R.)

## TEACHERS

### MANUFACTURERS

Ed. L. Owen, T. W. Hartley, Ed. L. Greene, H. Bentley Owen, Frank R. Owen, D. Simeon Siceloff, Daniel Phillips, and A. W. Michael.

### NURSES

Victoria Byerly, Eloise Charles, and Esther Owen.

### INSURANCE LEADERS

J. B. Leonard, and J. T. Totten.

## TEACHERS

Paul F. Evans, E. C. Byerly, Ida Byerly, Victoria Byerly, Gerla Byerly, James C. Leonard, L. N. Evans, H. Luther Leonard, I. R. Michael, Lizzie Shoaf Michael, A. H. Evans, J. B. Leonard, Rosa Hinkle, Exie Link, Myrtie Kiger, Hattie Chaffin Fitzgerald, Maud Michael Phillips, Lucy Belle Totten Owen, John T. Totten, James E. Holmes, John Albert Holmes, and Ralph W. Holmes.

### LAWYERS

Jacob Stewart, Z. I. Walsr, Z. V. Walser, E. E. Raper, H. L. Evans, W. C. Hammer, E. C. Byerly, W S. Owen, H. T. Phillips, W. H. Phillips, R. Garrett, T. T. Hicks, A. A. Hicks, H. O. Craver.

## MINISTERS

### DOCTORS

E. B. Cozart, J. Mac De Armon, Alexander Robins, Otis Ader, Paul M. Byerly, W. Grimes Byerly, Baxter Byerly, Ray Hege, Garland V. Green, and George Leonard.

### MINISTERS

W. T. Totten, A. S. Raper, N. M. Modlin, H. L. Powell, C. E. Forlines, O. P. Ader, George L. Curry, Samuel W. Taylor, G. L. Reynolds, W. F. Swaim, H. S. B. Thompson, W. Lee Eddinger, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. W. Fitzgerald, O. B. Michael, Turner Earnhardt, D. Earnhardt, and J. E. Woosley.

### MINISTERS' WIVES

Hattie Chaffin Fitzgerald, Mary Lee Greene Rozelle, and Georgie Stowe Curry.

### U. S. MAIL SERVICE

P. Arthur Myers, Carl Greene, W. E. Leonard, J. H. Sink, C. L. Koontz, and J. H. Koontz.

### AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST

C. R. Leonard.

### COLLEGE ALUMNI LEADERS

Lillian Thompson Koontz, Lucy Owen English, George L. Curry, Sallie Taylor, Marie Oaks Greene,

## COLLEGE LEADERS

O. B. Michael, S. W. Taylor, P. F. Evans, E. C. Byerly, Wm. J. Byerly, and Mrs. Etta Thompson Watkins.

1. Faculty Notes.

## CHAPTER XXVI

### THE BUILDING DEBT

DURING THE erection of the new Administration Building in which the first commencement was held, in 1882 a debt of several thousand dollars accumulated which greatly embarrassed the administration. So much dissatisfaction arose over this matter the Board of Trustees decided to suspend the college department of the institution until financial arrangements could be made to take care of the debt. During the next decade the outlook for the institution appeared gloomy. Money had been borrowed from George W. Harris, Lexington, N. C. and it had to be paid back with interest. The Annual Conference discussed this matter and several drives were made to wipe out the debt. But for more than a quarter of a century this burden hang heavily over the institution.<sup>1</sup>

It must be said that had it not been for the loyal sympathy and support of local citizens the institution might have closed during the Cleveland panic of the 1890's. The endorsers of a note greatly relieved the embarrassment, which was signed by the following gentlemen: Captain John H. Koontz, John S. Delap, Ed. L. Green, T. S. Dale, T. W. Hartley and H. H. Hartley, State Representative. However, before the Conference of the Methodist

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(Protestant) Church succeeded in paying the debt, each of the endorsers gave encouragement by promising to give one hundred and twenty-five dollars provided the remainder would be paid within a certain time. With the exception of about one thousand dollars the debt was raised. In 1898 a bargain was made between the Church Conference and Rev. W. T. Totten to lease him the college buildings for a period of ten years provided he would pay the debt in full. In this way the historic Yadkin College was relieved of its burden and perpetuated with smoother sailing.

Such has been the story of the majority of educational institutions and we need make little apology for it as the circumstances of the times controlled the situation largely. We, today, praise those fathers who sacrificed and made possible this grand institution of learning.

1. Ed L. Greene.



## CHAPTER XXVII

### TEACHERS OF YADKIN COLLEGE

THE PRESIDENTS OF Yadkin College had a small but efficient faculty who cooperated diligently to make the institution a success. Men and women of strong character and personality only were used. A number of the teachers were:<sup>1</sup>

Alexander Baker, R. T. Pickens, G. M. Smith-deal, F. T. Walser, T. H. Phillips, George S. Wills, W. A. Rich, W. B. Gooch, H. C. Stout, J. W. Bowman, Walter B. Rogers, Z. I. Walser, George Leonard, J. Felix Totten, co-principal 1899-1903, J. T. Totten, O. B. Michael, assistant, I. R. Michael, N. B. Koontz, and H. Rowland Totten, assistant at brief intervals; Sallie Oaks Wright (Mrs. R. Lee), Lottie McCoy Rich, Swannanoa Harris, Lucy Wilson, Lora Raper, Minnie Rogers Owen, Etta Taylor, Kate Dellinger, Lelia Byerly, Ida Byerly Holt, Nora Byerly Sheets, Bessie Wagoner, Hattie Chaffin Fitzgerald, Cora Totten, Lucy Belle Totten Owen, Jessie Leonard Black, Maud Michael Phillips, Marie Oaks Greene, Lucy Mullinix, H. B. Phillips, and probably others.

1. Faculty Notes.

## CHAPTER XXVIII

### THE GLORIOUS LIFE

AT THE 1927 Annual Meeting of the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Asheboro, Dr. J. E. Pritchard in a paper praised Yadkin College:

“The Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth Session held at Fairfield Church in Guilford County, November 11, 1853, said: ‘The committee appointed at the previous session to locate a Seminary reported that they had agreed to a location in Davidson County, west of Lexington near the Yadkin River on the land of Thomas Crump and Henry Walser, they agreeing to convey ten acres of land for said purpose, and the said Henry Walser agreed to pay five hundred dollars toward the building and support of the institution.’

“The Minutes of the Thirty-First Session held at Moriah Church in Guilford County, November 5, 1856, have this to say: ‘Yadkin Institute is now in operation, George W. Hege being the principal, he paying us the sum of two hundred dollars for five years benefit of the school building’.”

This was the beginning of an institution that was destined to play a large part in the development of the North Carolina Conference. It is true that

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the school was located away from town, never had a large student body and never was adequately financed, yet no man can measure the influence of that institution, for the leading ministers of our denomination in this state for a generation received their instruction at this institution.

And not only the leading ministers but many of our leading laymen received their training and their inspiration there.

Some say that Yadkin College died; but, I say that the spirit of Yadkin College has been resurrected or continued in the great High Point College which opened the same year the former institution discontinued.

The Alumni Association of both institutions have been united into one association since 1927. The Library of Yadkin College has been donated to High Point College. Each year on Memorial Day a Home Coming Day exercise is held at Yadkin College to which Alumni of Yadkin College and High Point College and friends are invited and which is attended in large numbers.

In 1927, Miss Vera Garrett, the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. John N. Garrett raised funds

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sufficient to erect a substantial bell tower at High Point College after which a special service was held in which the Old Yadkin College Bell was presented. Thus after tolling to students to study for more than half a century it continues to do its mission in the new institution, and is known by the modern students as "Old Yadkin."

It is indeed interesting to note on a small monument situated on the campus of High Point College the following words:

"Jamestown Female College, This Marker Contains brick from the Jamestown Female College, opened by the Methodist Protestant Church, Jamestown, N. C. 1859, and destroyed by fire, 1861. Nikanthan and Thalean Literary Societies, May 1, 1929."

When the building of Jamestown Female College burned the students were brought to the Female Seminary at Yadkin College which institution was headed by Professor George W. Hege, when he was also head of Yadkin College for Boys. From the Female Seminary co-education started at Yadkin and production of Yadkin College and the Jamestown Female College, the new High Point College was started. Thus, through one great educational

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movement in the Methodist Protestant Church there was ripened into a beautiful modern college, the *High Point College*.

When fire destroyed the Administration Building of Jamestown Female College in 1861 the students were invited to enter the Yadkin College Female Seminary, whose President was also President of Yadkin Male College. The Yadkin College Female Seminary closed about the year 1866 but other private Female Schools were held in the community until 1878 when Yadkin College became co-educational.

From the Jamestown Female College and from Yadkin College has sprung the new co-educational High Point College, institutions of the Methodist Protestant Church now with a history of nearly a century.

Contemporary with the Methodist Protestant educational movement in the Carolinas was the founding of Davidson College in 1856 by the Presbyterian Church, Guilford College in 1836 by the Friends Church, Trinity College in 1838, now Duke

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University by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Wake Forest College in 1834 by the Baptist Church, Newberry Theological Seminary in 1830 by the Lutheran Church from which subsequently sprang Newberry College, North Carolina College and Lenoir Rhyne College; and Catawba College in 1851 by the Reformed Church, institutions that have wielded great power and influence in the up-building of the nation. Yadkin College founded in 1856 by the Methodist Protestant Church ranked on the level with these institutions and deserves to be listed with the great institutions of the last century.<sup>1</sup>

By Providence and through Grace, this month, May, 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church united into THE GREAT AMERICAN METHODIST CHURCH. As the Creator smiles His favors upon these great American people uniting in the Spirit of Christ the world expects even greater things from them in Kingdom Building.



## CONCLUSION

“God moves in His mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform.”

“To the one far off Divine event,  
To which the whole Creation moves.”

1. College Catalogues.

THE END

## APPENDIX

### DAVID L. MICHAEL, 1816-1886

For more than a quarter of a century a Trustee of Yadkin College; donor of the hardware for the first Administration Building in 1856; about 1874 at the proposal of a second building program offered a campus and an Administration Building to Yadkin College if relocated to Shiloh Church on the historic George Washington Highway half way between Salisbury and Winston-Salem; in 1856 the founder of Shiloh Methodist Protestant Church and subsequently Shiloh Academy and donor of the present grounds; a man of vision and sympathy; a great admirer of the Honorable Henry Walser and other statesmen and Churchmen who were builders of the Commonwealth and the Nation in the early days; a descendant of John Michael, Sr., Nicholas Michael, and Fredrick Michael the pioneer settler; a brother to the Honorable John Michael, Jr., a Legislature Representative in 1872-1874, and Sheriff between 1880 and 1884.

## ALBERT A. MICHAEL, 1861-1933

### *A Staunch Supporter of Yadkin College*

He sent all seven of his children to Yadkin College at one time in 1915, and subsequently to Catawba College and other institutions. He was a second cousin to the co-builder of Yadkin College, David L. Michael. He was an alumnus of Catawba College, a Churchman, a superintendent of the Sunday School of Shiloh Methodist Protestant Church in sight of his ancestral home, and Beulah Reformed Church at the same time; a pioneer school teacher; a temperance leader and several times made a candidate for office on the Prohibition ticket, but, declined the nomination for the candidacy for the State Governorship in favor of the Hon. Henry Sheets in the early nineties; and in 1932 a National elector. The coveted Catawba College Citizenship Cup is given annually at commencement in his honor.

Recent, rigid, historical research is being made to prove whether or not the tradition is true that he was a direct descendant of a Mayflower settler through his English pioneer ancestors—and Scotch Highlander kinsmen. He was a direct descendant of Jacob Michael, Jr., Jacob Michael, Sr. (buried at Beulah Church), and Nicholas Michael, and

## A BIBLICAL NAME

Fredrick Michael (buried at Pilgrim Church), the German pioneer settler, near the historic Pilgrim Church of the Reformation, Davidson County, North Carolina.

He is a relative of Rev. D. W. Michael, Lutheran, Attorney J. L. Michael, and the father of Rev. O. B. Michael.

By Providence and through Grace the name "Michael" is a beautiful Biblical name and is used in many languages, which means, *Who is like God? an angel, St. Michael, etc.* Those who bear this name are supposed to be persons of high ideals and as ambassadors of the Church and the Nation, which is not always an easy task.

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